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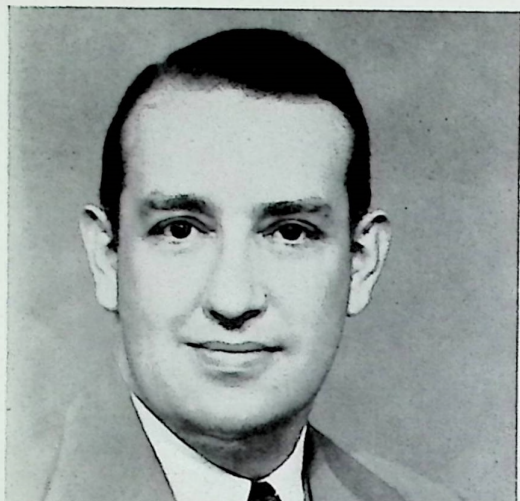
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TARLETON RIVES ANDES

W. E. Gladding Transferred



W. E. Gladding

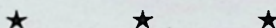
On October 1, Bill Gladding began his first day as Plant Manager of the Seaford Nylon Plant. He succeeds W. Laird Stabler who becomes manager of the Rayon Department's

newly created Personnel and Industrial Relations Division.

Twenty years ago last March, Bill began his association with the Du Pont Company, at the rayon plant in Buffalo, directly after his graduation at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with the degree of Master of Science in Chemical Engineering. He advanced from a student operator to a Chief Supervisor between 1925 and 1940, working in Du Pont plants in Buffalo, Old Hickory,

Tennessee and Richmond. For almost a year in 1925-26, however, he was a member of a group which studied rayon plants in France, Switzerland, and Belgium.

Since June 1, 1942, Bill Gladding has been at the helm of our plant and it is under his guidance that the Martinsville Plant has made the progress it has. At the time he took over the Plant Manager's job, through the transfer of W. T. Wood to the Iliion, N. Y., powder plant, Martinsville was just beginning to grow up in the Du Pont family. It had begun the production of nylon in November, 1941, and by June was well on the way to capacity production. Since that time, the U. S. has helped fight and win a war which covered the globe. For that war, our plant has furnished millions of pounds of nylon for parachutes, life rafts and hundreds of other items, all under the guiding hand of Bill Gladding. Now that peace has come again, Bill saw to it that all plant facilities were reconverted at the earliest possible moment for the production of nylon for civilian use. We can say it was indeed a pleasure to work for and with him during the past four years and though we regret his having to leave, we wish him every success on his new assignment as Manager of the Seaford Nylon Plant.



Cantwell Clark Comes to Martinsville



The Clarks: left to right, Cantwell IV, Mr. Clark, their setter, Lance, Mrs. Clark, and Hank

With the transfer of W. E. Gladding to the Seaford Plant, the Du Pont Company announced the appointment of Cantwell Clark as Plant Manager at Mar-

tinsville. Mr. Clark has been Plant Manager at the Buffalo Plant since April, 1942, being transferred there from Old Hickory where he had served as Manufacturing Superintendent since 1935.

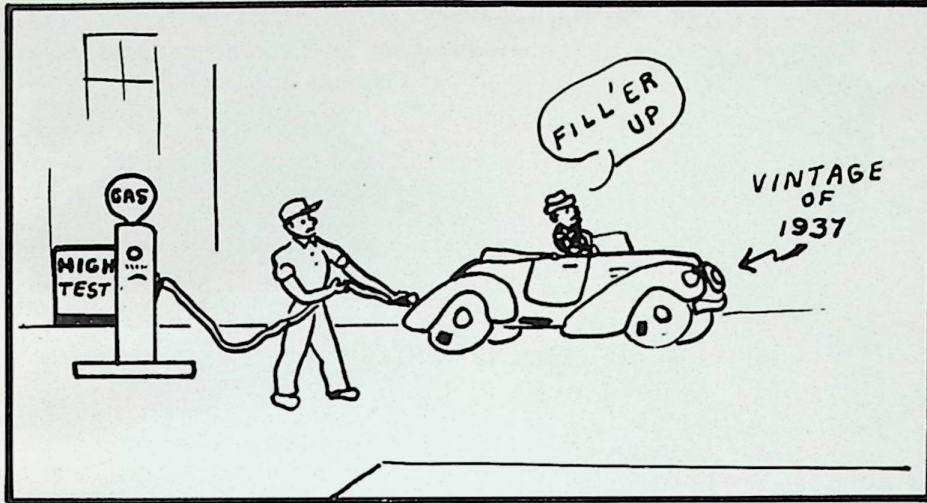
A native Delawarean who was educated at the Newark High School and the University of Delaware, he was first

employed by the Du Pont Company in 1911, as an Assistant Engineer. After two years he resigned to accept another position, but was re-employed in June, 1915. For 10 years he worked in high explosives as a Supervisor, Plant Inspector, Assistant Plant Manager at Carl Junction, Mo., and as Assistant to the Director. He joined the Rayon Department in 1925, as a Superintendent of Operations at Buffalo. In two years he became Chief Supervisor at Buffalo and in November, 1928, was transferred to Old Hickory as Chief Supervisor.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark have two sons, Cantwell, Jr., who is in the employ of the government, and Henry, better known as "Hank," who is in the Army. Mr. Clark is quite the hunter and is regarded as a "good shot." He also has done his bit in skeet shooting. Mrs. Clark shoots a good game of golf and also is up on the "know how" of growing prize flowers.

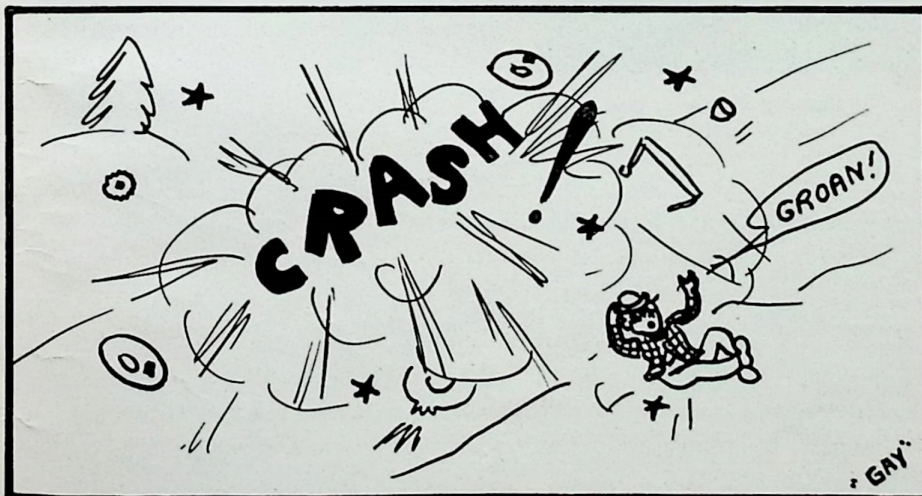
We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Clark to the Martinsville organization.

A SHORT, SHORT UNSAFE STORY



ACT I

ACT II



ACT III

CURTAIN !!

POWER AREA

Ex-Soldier Gets 15-Year Pin

George has spent the greater part of his life in his home State of Virginia and he is very proud of the fact that his parents were smart enough to be living in Beaverdam, Va., at the time of his birth. He liked Virginia so well he stayed close to home to attend college at Randolph-Macon in Ashland.

With his B. S. degree in Chemistry in hand, George applied for work with the Du Pont Company in Richmond in June, 1929. His service with the Company began on that day.

The next ten years were spent on various jobs in connection with process control work in the three rayon plants and "cellophane."

George finally had to leave his native Virginia in November, 1939, when he was transferred to the Experimental Station in Wilmington for training in connection with the start-up of the Seaford plant in 1940. As Laboratory Supervisor, George has kept constant check on the physical properties of the first nylon produced by mass production methods.



George Yeamans

He was transferred to Martinsville in 1941 as Laboratory Supervisor, the position he held when he was drafted for the Army in March, 1944.

George received most of his Army training at Fort Sill, Okla., in the Medical Corps and Artillery. The Army released him, however, in June, 1945, to work in the Technical Group at Indiana Ordnance in the making of rocket powder. With the end of the war, he was transferred back to his old job at Martinsville as Laboratory Supervisor.

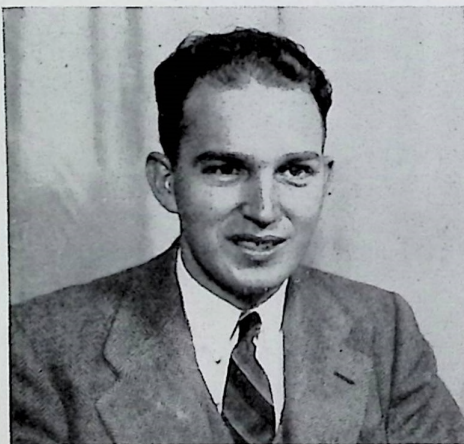
George's only comment, when asked for a statement was, "You can say, this long service is evidence of a happy and enjoyable association with the Du Pont Company and all its employees with whom

I have come in contact. I am looking forward to the next fifteen years as being even more enjoyable."

We forgot to mention that George has been a bachelor all these years and so far as we can determine, he has no serious intentions for the immediate future.

Tommy Myers Completes 10 Years

In October, 1935, young Tommy Myers presented himself at the Employment Office at the Spruance Rayon Plant in Richmond in quest of a job with the Du Pont Company. He was employed that very day as an operator in Plant No. 2. During the next four years, Tommy says there was hardly a job in the Textile Area on which he had not worked. He was transferred to Seaford, Del., January 1, 1940, for the start-up of the new and first nylon plant as Day Relief Operator in Textile. Three months later he was assigned to the spinning area as an Instructor, and on to Polymer Area Foreman a short time later. Tommy continued to serve in this capacity until his transfer in October, 1941 to the second nylon plant which was then getting ready



Tommy Myers

to start operations to help supply the demand for more and more of that "wonder yarn" called nylon. During the next three and one-half years, Tommy served as Polymer Foreman, Spinning Foreman, and Vacation Relief. He was transferred to the Military Explosives Department in April, 1945, reporting to the Sunflower Ordnance Works for training in the manufacture of rocket powder prior to his assignment to the Indiana Ordnance Works at Charlestown, Ind. With the ending of the war and no longer the need for rocket powder, he was transferred back to Martins-

ville in his present job as Spinning Foreman.

Congratulations to Tommy on receiving his ten-year Service Pin.

Du Pont Again Wins Safety Contest

The National Safety Council, through its president, Ned H. Dearborn, has just announced that the Du Pont Company and its Martinsville Plant has been designated the winner of the safety trophy for 1945 in the chemical section of the National Safety Council contest.

This contest is held each year and the trophy is the highest award given in a division of the contest, and is usually presented to the winner at the National Safety Congress in Chicago.

Again we see the results of our efforts in the cause of safety, not only

in the fact that we have won this Award and in the millions of exposure hours without a lost time injury as indicated on our Safety Clock, but also in the fact that at the end of each day's work, each employee leaves his work here to go home, maybe a little more tired than when he came to work in the morning, but he goes home with all his fingers intact, his physical well-being just the same as at the beginning of the day.

Everyone of us is sure to profit by our efforts in winning this trophy and proving that our slogan, "It Can Be Done—Safely," really works.

From Our Men and Women in Service

WOODROW WILSON HOSPITAL Staunton, Virginia



Pfc. Fred Phillippe

... You asked me to write of my travels and experiences since leaving the job in P. & S. It is a long story and I doubt whether or not I can get it all in one letter but maybe I can hit the high spots. Most of my training in the States took place on the desert in New Mexico and Texas, where it is cold at night and burning hot in the day time. All of our training was done on 90mm guns. When we went overseas we were attached to an Anti-Aircraft Battalion, landing in England. After a month in Replacement Camp along the British Channel, we were assigned to a 40mm Anti-Aircraft Battalion going to France. We landed in Normandy about the middle of July; there was plenty of evidence of the D-Day landing in June. I'll never forget my first night in France, with the heavy artillery pounding away in the distance, and the German night bombers giving us a going over. Of course there was very little sleeping that night and I found out later that that was only a sample of the many sleepless days and nights we were in for. Our battalion was to be a part of the newly formed Third Army under command of General Patton.

The next big event was the break-through at St. Lo and those 3,500 planes that blasted the way open for the drive across France by the Third, Seventh and First Armies. While going across France, we had plenty of action for an Ack-Ack Battery. The supposedly beaten Nazi Air Force came out in strength at the Seine River. During the fight that followed, we knocked down 60 enemy planes in 48 hours and helped the Infantry fight off a determined German counterattack—they were trying to keep us from crossing the river at that point. I didn't get to see Paris because we by-passed that famous city, much to my disappointment. Our next stop was near Metz, then after that fortress was taken, and I mean it was a fortress, it wasn't long until the Germans began their winter counterattack on December 18 along the First Army front, causing the whole Third Army to move in a hurry up into Belgium and Luxembourg. We moved into Belgium on Christmas Day. I have never spent a Christmas like that and hope I never have to again. It was freezing cold, plenty of snow and German fighter planes were strafing the roads at every opportunity; so you can see it was a very miserable Christmas. Some of the most intense fighting was done when it was coldest and snowing the hardest. Sure was glad to see the snow leave during March but then it left nothing but mud.

We entered German territory near Tiers. Right here is where I ceased to be an asset to the Third Army. While emplacing our gun, we hit an anti-tank mine with our track. The explosion broke my leg and tore it up pretty badly, and, of course put the gun out of commission. After a couple of days at the evacuation hospital in Tiers, I was taken back to England on a hospital plane. I stayed in a General Hospital there until ten weeks later when I boarded a ship bound for the U. S. A. and the Old Dominion State of Virginia.

I didn't get to bring any souvenirs back because those I had in my bag were lost when I was wounded. By the way, I saw the name Du Pont a lot of times on material boxes and also in France as the name of streets, boulevards, etc., in different towns... The enclosed photo was made in France...

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FRED PHILLIPPE



U. S. NAVAL HOSPITAL

... My excuse for not answering you isn't even attributable to being hospitalized, for I have been able to get around pretty well for the last six months in spite of a stiff knee. In fact, I'm even assistant to the Hospital Public Relations Officer and I spend five days a week working... not as hard as I would in an outside job but still hard enough for the Navy. After twenty months in the Hospital, there are still no immediate prospects of getting out, but life here is pleasant now compared to what it was during those long months I spent in bed in a cast. New York City is only about forty-five minutes away and as far as the authorities are concerned I can go down town every night and squander my money as long as it lasts. This winter I am going to try studying, perhaps in the field of public relations, so that I can get myself back in the mental attitude to do some hard work. At present though I don't know when I'll be able to leave the hospital or what sort of work I'll be qualified to do...

WIN WRIGHT

FORMERLY IN TEXTILE



TINIAN, MARIANAS

... Now that the war is over I hope to be coming back with you soon, although we still have a job to do with our Superforts. Our group has been selected to remain here to carry food and supplies to P. W., as well as for transportation purposes. Of course, we will rotate as we reach the required amount of points. I only have 50 now, but we have been turned in for two more battle stars. I have two now, which helped my point score some—as you know each battle star counts 5 points.

I guess every man likes to comment on his outfit, but I feel that our group has played a major part in winning this war. We flew more missions than any group in the 20th Air Force, put more bombs on the target and had less casualties of any group. These are facts from General Arnold himself.

As I am a member of the ground forces, I didn't get the opportunity to fly many missions, but I did fly one of the longest missions of the war. I will try and give you a brief summary of what a mission is like over Japanese-held

territory starting at briefing 2400 September 7, 1945.

We were informed we would take food and medical supplies to prisoners of war at Formosa. We were also informed that there had been no official word of the Japs surrendering on Formosa and to expect anything.

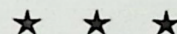
Take-off was at 0300 and it wasn't long before we had reached 12,000 feet. Sitting up there 12,000 feet over the ocean looking up at the stars, cruising well over 300 miles an hour was quite a sensation. When dawn broke, the white clouds down below looked like mountains of snow and the water looked like the blue sky. We flew over Iwo Jima, Okinawa and finally reached Formosa at 1200 noon. We came down to 2,000 feet and finally low as 200 feet to look for the prisoner of war camp. A Jap Zero fighter came up so close we could see the expression on the pilots face, but he didn't harm us. I was amazed at the beautiful city down below, to see trains, automobiles, etc., running around after not seeing any for ten months.

After buzzing the city for one hour and thirty minutes, we spotted the P. W. camp sign on top of a building and dropped our supplies by parachute—"Good ole nylon." All the time I was busy taking pictures of the city. My estimation of the burned out area, was at least 30%.

Three hours later we landed on Okinawa to refuel as we had burned 8,000 gallons of gasoline and had 13 hours in the air. After refueling and getting some chow, we took off for Tinian, our home base. We landed at 0300 after 24 hours in the air, we were ready to eat and hit the sack. I sincerely hope this inarticulate description will give you an idea as to what a mission is like in a B-29 Superfortress...

MARVIN JOHNSON

FORMERLY IN TEXTILE



FURTH, GERMANY

... I see by your records that Du Pont is still coming through with flying colors. "It Can Be Done Safely" can now read "It Was Done, and Safely." We of the Armed Forces salute you for your excellent performance. We have been in a position to see the results of the whole-hearted effort you people back there put forth. Cooperation like this makes us all proud and justly so, of our heritage.

I have been fortunate enough to see some very good entertainment lately. A few weeks ago I saw the "Bob Hope Show." I also saw "Rosalinda" a recent Broadway hit. I also have had the chance to help provide some entertainment for the G. I.'s here. Four of us fellows have formed a band and we put on a thirty-minute program twice a week over a local radio station.

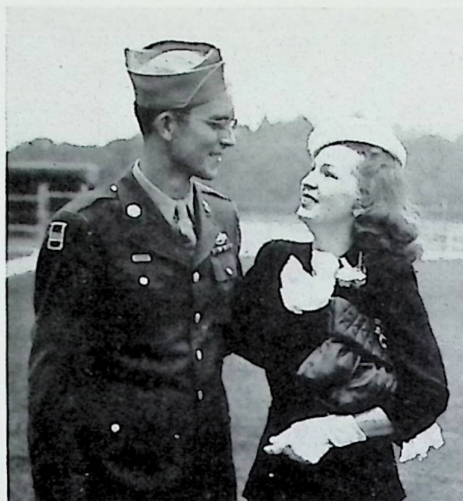
Now that rigid censorship is discontinued I can tell you of some of my duties operating with the Ninth Air Force. I was one of the radio operators on a powerful relay radio station. We relayed reports of planes in distress, radar reports of enemy planes, action reports and other important data. Many a time a plane in distress has asked for "homing" and at the flick of a switch, the searchlight crews would have a beam of light 800 million candle power piercing the sky, a very welcome beacon to a pilot. That beacon can be seen by air up to 75 miles. We "homed" over 6,000 distress aircraft during the Ardennes offensive—otherwise they would have been lost in that foggy weather.

CHARLIE DOUGHTON

A Soldier Comes Home

Rather than give a detailed account of Bob Talley's travels and "actions" during his service with the 318th Infantry, Third Army, THE BLENDER publishes below a copy of a letter written by Bob to his former fellow employees in the Power House just after he was wounded in Germany, February 11, 1945. This letter is exceptional in that it portrays in an excellent manner the thoughts of a soldier who has tasted war and who appreciates the little things in life—the little things that taken together make the big things.

Bob is now back on the job in the Power House. Welcome back, Bob.



Bob and Lois Talley

I'm not sticking out my chest, it's with a deep, soft kind of awe that I tell you. Fellows, it's rugged up there, we have a tough nut to crack, and I'm not kidding. Boy! One can never realize what war is like until he sees his first G. I. Joe fall, and endure some of the hardships, dangers and sufferings. It imprints something on your mind you will never forget. It doesn't bother me to see a hundred dead Germans on the field, but the sight of just one American makes your heart skip a beat. Yes, we all think the war is about over, but remember most every hour and minute there is someone, not just a guy, but an American soldier, either killed or wounded up there. So, fellows, keep

plugging away at those War Bonds and the American Red Cross, they are wonderful. You would all think the same way, if you saw a Red Cross Clubmobile with two Red Cross girls driving right up to the front lines to serve us coffee and doughnuts. It gives one that certain "umph" that causes you to push right on—knowing there is someone just behind us, sharing the dangers and who doesn't have to be there at all, but yet they are interested enough in each of us to risk their own lives just to serve us something they know we all enjoy."

BOB TALLEY

Hospital in France

"I was wounded, but not so bad, several days ago and I'm most well now. The Lieutenant Colonel gave his citation and pinned the Purple Heart on me a few days ago. I've already sent it home. It's a beautiful pin about the size of a half dollar, a gold ring around a purple heart, with a gold inset of George Washington. No amount of money could ever buy it from me, but I never want another one. A thousand times ten thousand could never pay for the blood, sweat and suffering it requires to get one.



How to Make Nylon in Your Home

There no longer is any reason you cannot have nylon stockings, war or no war. As a result of perseverance, resourcefulness and a press release that tells all about it, I am now prepared to tell you how to make your own nylon.

After you have the nylon, of course, you have only to knit it together in the shape of a leg, or limb, and there you are.

All you need to make nylon is some nylon salt, a good pressure cooker, and the blessing of E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. A small scoop, or ladle, for handling atoms also will be useful.

First, prepare your nylon salt. To do this, take some methane, or natural gas, and separate it. This will give you one atom of carbon and four atoms of hydrogen. The Du Pont people say the separation can be done "by one or more methods," but this is just one company's opinion, and you can use whatever system you prefer.

Throw the carbon atom away, but keep the hydrogen atoms until you have accumulated a good batch of them. These you mix with benzene, being careful to add only six hydrogen atoms to each benzene molecule.

The result is called cyclohexane, for reasons that DO NOT CONCERN YOU AT ALL.

Next you take the cyclohexane and make some adipic acid out of it, then set it aside while you stir up some

hexamethylene diamine. Remember, this is the Du Pont Company's idea, not mine. I'm just reporting the facts.

Well, then, now you have some adipic acid and some hexamethylene diamine. Stir these together until the dibasic acid molecule has hooked onto the diamine molecule, endwise.

If you have followed the directions carefully you now have some nice hexamethylene-diammonium-adipate, or nylon salt.

Make a strong solution of this and pop it into your pressure cooker, or autoclave, if you have one.

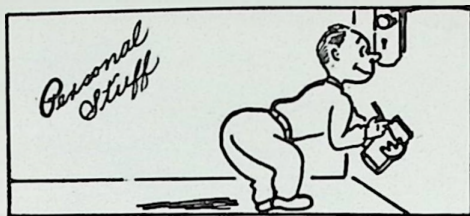
If there is a little window in the top of the cooker you will have MANY A MERRY MOMENT watching the small molecules swarming together to form long chains of nylon polymer.

You are nearly finished now. Take the nylon polymer out and sprinkle some water on it to harden it, chop it up into little pieces, and melt it. Strain it through a fine sieve and it will come out nylon thread.

Spin this into yarn, knit the yarn into stockings, and your neighbors will be amazed.

This is just a small sample of the kind of thing you can find out about in Washington if you keep your ear to the ground.

From JACK WILSON's Column,
"Washington Dilemma," in the *Des Moines Register*



MAINTENANCE

TEXTILE MAINTENANCE

We are glad to report that Russ Pease is doing very nicely after his recent operation. Lots of luck, Russ, and hope you will soon be with us again.

Bob Farris is advising everyone with slick tires on their cars to have them recapped as soon as possible. He says they will slide around with you even if they are on a Chevrolet.

We want to welcome Fred Bush, Charlie Carter and John Gilbert to our group.

John Gilbert isn't going to worry about the shortage of shotgun shells this fall. Just give him a sling shot and a few rocks—he'll kill all the squirrels he can carry!

We want to welcome George Evans to our gang.
By Henry J. Duncan

P. & S. MAINTENANCE

We welcome Ed Wilson back after several week's illness.

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Painter in the loss of Mrs. Painter's father.

Florence Reynolds changed her name to Mrs. J. E. Shelton. Congratulations to you both!

We welcome Clarence Bennett to P. & S. Maintenance from Textile Maintenance.

Jack Moses couldn't resist the temptation of getting plenty of gas and taking a trip to Florida.

We understand Tom Morris is having trouble with termites at his house. Tom says when you think you have everything under control, up comes more termites.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Torrey announce the birth of a 7½-pound baby girl, born September 26, 1945.
By T. D. Alexander

JANITORS

We are glad to welcome James Turner to our group.

John Dillard is awfully lonesome while Muncey Young is on his vacation.

Arthur Dandridge said he hated to leave the boys on the yard and go in Stores but he felt like it would feel good this winter!

By James King

SHOPS

Since it became known that a new plant manager would be appointed, Jim Potter has blossomed out in a new suit, hat, and even a necktie!

Due to illness, the beaming countenance of Scotty May has been missed around the place lately.

Wiggington has purchased a country estate and proposes to set up as a gentleman farmer. He is already experienced as a farmer.

We haven't heard a word out of Freddie Custer about his recent fishing trip. The boy hates to brag!

Bill Terrell says he didn't mind so much missing the squirrel the sixteen times he shot at it, but it was the squirrel laughing in his face that made him mad.

By Hamp Dyches

POLYMER AND SPINNING

"A" SHIFT

Murray Bryant, formerly of "C" Shift really got a break when he was transferred to "A" Shift. The "Old Gas House Gang" welcomes you, Murray.

Paul Gordon, upon hearing that Lem Tilley was a proud papa, hit him for a cigar. You should have seen his face light up when Lem told him he was 12 years too late—his only son is 12 years old!!

We will surely miss the tall tales of Paul Hutchinson, who has been transferred to Day Crew for a while.

We wonder why Arthur Horsley always gets so many squirrels—always the same number except when there are witnesses.

Lucille Durham is expecting her husband home any day now—he's in the States.

I hear that Frances Wells is looking for a good singer to play her latest song hit.

Remember, you squirrel hunters, squirrels are not so crazy—they can tell a nut when they see one.
By John Vaughan

"B" SHIFT

Vance Prillaman and Bill Clifton were enthusiastic supporters of the local ball team.

We hear Catherine Shumate is awaiting cold weather to sport a new fur coat.

It's a baby boy at the Porter's and a baby girl at the Ussery's. Thanks for the cigars, fellows!

We understand Charlie Martin visited a big apple orchard recently. He got what he wanted and it wasn't apples!

At last we had a Frank Chitwood safety meeting—you know, after 12:00 midnight!

Jack Dandridge wants to be addressed as Dr. Dandridge—he's a "bleed specialist" now!

Fred Barnes still remains on the sick list. We wish you a speedy recovery, Fred.

Two "B" Shift boys, Tommy Wiggington and Everett Clark, were recent visitors. Glad to see you, boys!
By Bill Young

"C" SHIFT

Will someone please get thirteen chickens that can lay more than eleven eggs a day? We'll have to have at least twelve eggs daily to keep J. E. from bragging!

Mack Grindstaff, Joe Briggs, and Perry Brown are now keeping Danville's Dr. Dictor in business. We hope those scrubby hounds can find a bird or two when the season opens.

Munchmeyer's "Senators" aren't so hot after all! Well, he's ready to lose his hard-earned cash on West Virginia again.

Blue said, "This heah new fass-running stuff am de runnning stuff I seen lately. I see hope it don't run de same way on de gals legs."

Dolly Foley is about to get his new sleeping quarters in shape for graveyard. He might call it sleeping quarters, but we call it "dog house."

By Virginia Clifton

"D" SHIFT

EXTRA!! EXTRA!!

"D" Shift for the first time in the history of the Martinsville Nylon Plant, held a popularity contest and the winners are as follows:

Most Popular Girl—VIRGINIA HODGES

Most Popular Boy—TOMMY STANLEY

Most Handsome Boy—JIM SOUTHER

Ugliest Boy—"HOP" HOBSON

Fattest Boy—COY KING

Shortest Boy—NAT HARLOWE

Tallest Boy—KEN STANHAGEN

Neatest Boys—MIKE STEELE AND JIM SOUTHER (Tie)

Best Worker—ESLIE DELANCEY

Most Humorous Boy—"HOP" HOBSON AND KEN STANHAGEN (Tie)

Least Humorous Boy—MIKE STEELE

Biggest Joker—JAMES HOBSON AND BEN TEBBENS (Tie)

Sleepiest Boy—"HOP" HOBSON
Sleepiest Girl—VIRGINIA HODGES
Tallest Girl—REBA HANCOCK
Most Humorous Girl—NELLIE WRIGHT
Neatest Girl—VIRGINIA HODGES

By Ken Stanhagen

DAY CREW

Glad to have Elsie Henderson back after a week's illness.

Virginia Hodges has been transferred to "D" Shift.

Naomi Wyne has been transferred from Spinneret Lab to Day Relief.

WANTED: Ernie Moore wants the 4 yards of dirt lost from his back yard during the recent rain.

Nancy McDowell has been "brushing up" on her housekeeping in her spare time.

Carl Pratt is still trying to find out how many squares are on a checker board.

We hope Morton Prillaman's wife continues to improve from her recent operation.

Ben Cooper deserves all the blue ribbons on Day Crew for catching fish and killing squirrels. (Quote Ben.)
By Mary Turner



Safety Suggestions Adopted

September, 1945

POLYMER AND SPINNING Clyde Priddy	POWER Wilbert E. Evans C. F. Phillips
INSPECTION, PACKING AND SHIPPING Lucy B. Clark	MAINTENANCE Justian A. Kelly
	SERVICE Virginia S. Hairston Johnnie H. Fontaine

Blender Pup Says —

**YOU DON'T
HAVE TO TELL A
GUY WITH ONE EYE
THAT WEARING
GOGGLES IS
GOOD PRACTICE!**



TEXTILE "A" SHIFT

WE WONDER WHY—

1. Mary Ingram doesn't have much waste any more?

2. Gracie Odell and Margaret Isley goes to Statesville and spends most of the night in the cemetery?

3. Ruth Merriman goes all the way by Axton to go to Leaksville?

4. Mildred DeHart doesn't get another telephone call?

5. Cecil Garvey was so excited about her vacation?

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John Wilson
Shift Supervisor



Mabel Norris
Forelady



Myrtle McCormack
Forelady

D SHIFT



Etta Handy



Annie McHone



Helen Stultz



Nancy Smith



Ona Rorrer



Lena Bishop



Ruby Hylton



Nora Williams



Mildred Evans



Odessa White



Elizabeth Reed



Ruby Gravely



Kate Manning



Katherine Joyce



Ruth Manning



Lois Moore



Lucille Compton



Dorothy Lancaster



Kathleen Owens



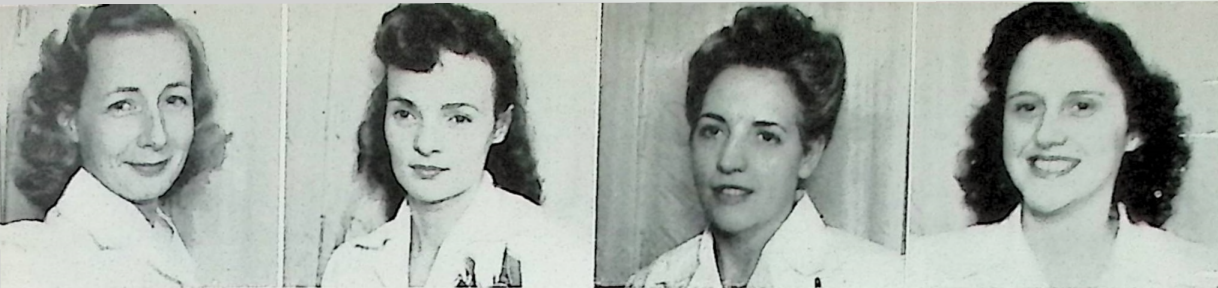
Dora Prillaman



Frances Hensley



Roxie Lankford



**Frances Stanley
Forelady**

**Hazeltime Young
Forelady**

**Betty Stanhagen
Forelady**

**Nell King
Forelady**

TEXTILE



Helen Stanley

Ruth Hazelwood

Thelma Dalton

Shirley Cox

Bessie James



Alma Webster

Virgie Hylton

Anna Rutledge

Cinda Ramsey

Virgie Southers

Lenice Marshall



Inez Johnson

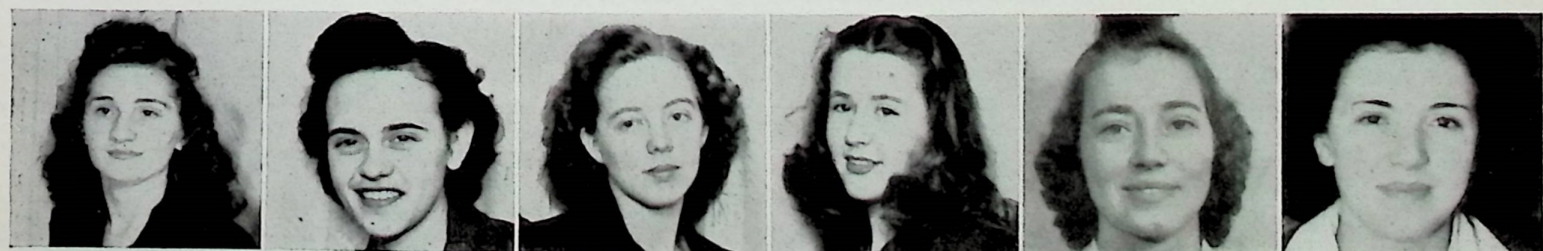
Virginia Yopp

Elizabeth Manning

Evelyn Norman

Ethel Clements

Mae Webster



Doris Scott

Myra Johnson

Crystal Hundley

Eldean Hazelwood

Thelma Collins

Eloise Hutchinson

Ten Years' Service for Bob Farris

Although Bob Farris was born in Kentucky, for some reason he did not quite make the grade of becoming a "Kentucky Colonel." Maybe it was because he did not stay in the State long enough for the Governor to take notice. He was born in Spencer, Ky., in March, 1901, and attended school in Louisville. When Bob was 15, his family moved to Jerseyville, Ill., where he finished high school.

His association with the Du Pont Company began in Old Hickory, Tenn., where he was employed as a millwright helper. It wasn't long after this that Bob had worked his way up to a textile mechanic in Plant 1.

1932 found Bob in Richmond as Textile Maintenance Foreman at the Spruance Plant. His stay here was short-lived, however, since for reasons of health he had to leave the employ of Du Pont and move back to Tennessee. As soon as his health permitted, Bob again joined Du Pont

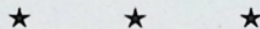


Bob Farris

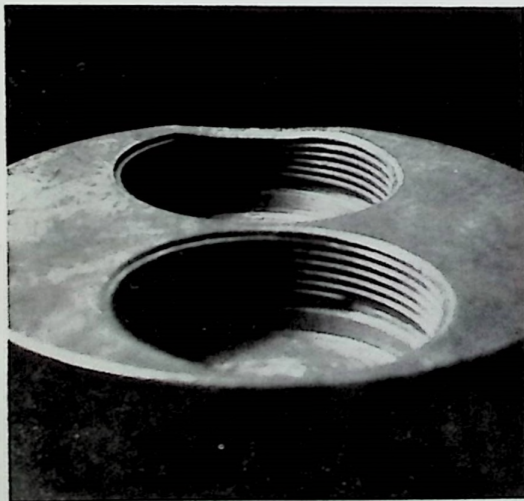
on minor construction in Old Hickory. In December, 1937, he decided to give himself an extra special Christmas present in the person of Virginia Hutcherson, who was working in the Inspection Area. In the latter part of 1937, he went over to major construction and the Farris' moved to Baton Rouge for the next fourteen months. From there Bob was transferred to Seaford, Del., in 1939, to help build the first nylon plant. Shortly before the plant began operations, he was transferred to operations as Textile Maintenance Foreman. In August,

1941, Bob and Mrs. Farris moved to Martinsville to be in on the start-up of Plant Number Two of the Nylon Division.

Bob's job as Textile Maintenance Foreman carries the responsibility of seeing to it that the machines in the Textile Area are in the best possible condition to produce quality nylon.



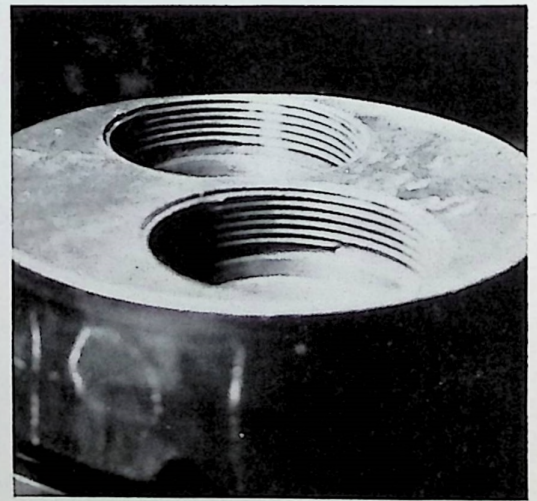
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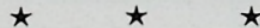
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The photograph at left shows what happened to a pump block when it fell from a table onto a steel floor in the pump block room in P. & S. The photo at right shows the same pump block after the Shops men had completed repairs. To make these repairs, they made a plate with corresponding threads on it, put it against the threads, heated the block, applied a jack and pushed the block back into its proper shape.

When you consider the damage and the precision with which the pack has to screw into the block, you can realize that Shops is "on the ball."



After



Books in Plant Library

ENVOY UNEXTRAORDINARY—Dunham. During eight years in the service, Donald Dunham was stationed in Berlin, Hongkong, Athens and Aden. Returning from his last post, he felt himself a stranger in his own country, and regretfully resigned in order to become a citizen again. Thus he became free to write about the service, critically as well as favorably.

BRAVE MEN—Ernie Pyle. This book begins with the landing on Sicily, when the Allies were making their first

bold and dramatic assault upon fortress Europe. It ranges from Sicily, Italy and the grim days on the Anzio beach-head through the calm of those last few pre-invasion weeks in Britain, the savage climaxes of the Normandy beaches to the smashing drive through France.

FIFTY THINGS TO MAKE FOR THE HOME—Starr. The directions are simple and easy to follow, and with few exceptions require the use of only hand tools.

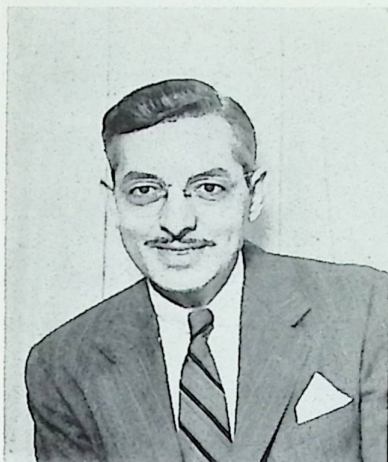
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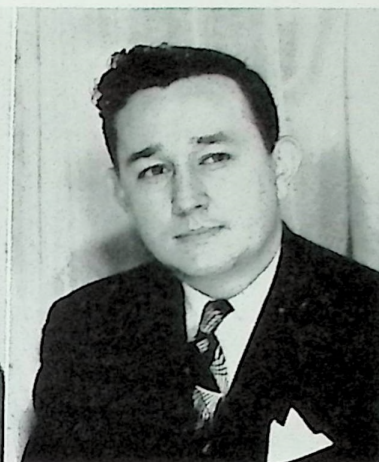
PROCESS CONTROL SUPERVISOR



Amby Staudt



Earl Olson



Ray Grills



Otto Lutness

Since the beginning of nylon, Amby Staudt has been constantly in touch with its progress and development. He remembers the days when the first nylon was spun from an hypodermic needle and many is the time he has scratched his head trying to figure out new and better methods of making better and better quality nylon. He has seen nylon progress from the test tube stage to one of the necessities of life, either in war or in peace.

As a result of this experience and ability, Amby was recently transferred to Wilmington as Manager of Technical Service in the Nylon Sales Section.

Congratulations, Amby.

To the job of Technical Superintendent goes Earl Olson. For the past four years Earl has headed up the Process Development Group, commonly known around the plant as "the Technical boys" and in this capacity has watched and helped nylon convert from civilian to war production and now back again to production for civilian use. He has been responsible for many of the new methods of processing and developing plant equipment to its peak capacity.

As Technical Superintendent, Earl will supervise the activities of both the Process Control and Process Development Groups.

Congratulations, Earl.

Most of Ray Grills' company experience has been with the High Explosives Department at the Barksdale, Kankakee, and Hanford Works. He spent some time at Chicago University working on one phase of the development of the atomic bomb. When the Hanford Works ceased production of atomic bomb material, Ray was transferred to the Martinsville organization as Process Control Supervisor which position he held until being appointed Process Development Supervisor September 1.

Congratulations, Ray.

Congratulations to Otto Lutness on his appointment as Supervisor of the Process Control Group. Before this appointment Otto had served as a Research Chemist in the Technical Group since coming to Martinsville in March, 1944, from the Technical Patent Service Section of the Rayon Department in Wilmington. This work dealt with all types of technical data relative to nylon patents. As Process Control Supervisor, Otto will have charge of the Process Control Lab, Physical Testing Lab, and Standard Practice Group.

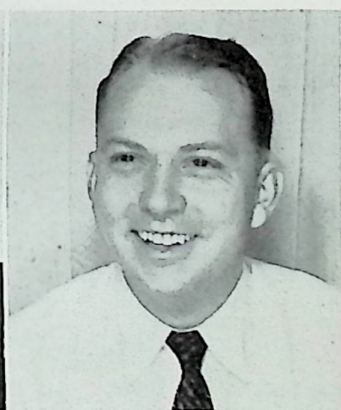
Returned to Martinsville from Ordnance



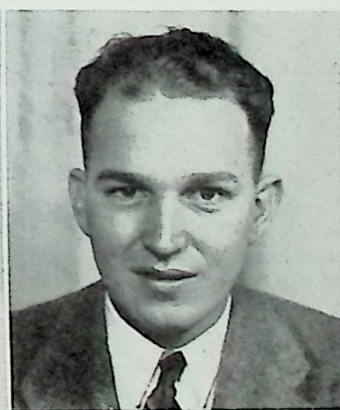
Roland Rhett



John Wilson



Glenn Johnson



Tommy Myers



Marvin Sayland

The urgent need by the Explosives Department for experienced supervision made necessary the transfer of Roland Rhett, John Wilson, Glenn Johnson, Tommy Myers, and Marvin Sayland to Ordnance Works. The Armed Forces were using plenty of rocket powder and the industry was being expanded as quickly as possible. To train them in the manufacture of rocket powder, the Explosives Department sent Rhett, Wilson, Johnson and

Myers to the Sunflower Ordnance Works, Kansas, while Sayland went to Oklahoma Ordnance Works at Kankakee.

Their stay in Ordnance was short-lived, however, since the war ended shortly after they had completed their training at Sunflower Ordnance and reported for work at the new rocket powder plant in Charlestown, Ind. They reported back for assignment in Martinsville in September.

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COULD IT BE 'CAUSE—

1. She is making nylon dolls and showing them to Evelyn Gauldin.
2. It is so peaceful and quiet.
3. She always takes the long way home.
4. Her husband is going to walk in on her too.
5. She was paying a visit to her home town in Kansas.

We are glad to have Irene Hall back with us after having a tonsillectomy.

The shift welcomes Lucille Odell and Elva Bullins.

Curtis Fitts is the first of the "A" Shift boys to return home with a discharge.

By Reva Altice

"B" SHIFT

We welcome Mary Ingram, Quincey Wagoner and Evelyn Minter to our shift.

Ilene Harmon has plenty of competition with a couple of "Belgium" girls—what about it, Ilene? ?

The shift wishes to welcome Lorene Voss as a new forelady.

Mary Martin, Margaret Hall and Narva Lee Hensley report a swell time while on their vacation.

When Macel Martin is in charge of a safety meeting you really have to put on your thinking cap!

Girls: How about giving out with some news.

By Katherine Thurman

"C" SHIFT

Doris Joyce is worried about what she can do with her spare time since we are back on forty hours! Don't think you will have much trouble, Doris, with your boy friend living across the street.

Evelyn Davis is all smiles—her boy friend is home from overseas!

Wedding bells ring for Leola Turner! Congratulations, Leola!

Herman Reeves recently visited "C" Shift after 14 months overseas. Nice seeing you, Herman.

Evelyn Cannaday's husband is home from the Pacific. Oscar was a "C" shifter too.

"C" Shift welcomes Mabel Calaman as senior forelady. Seems like old times seeing you back on shifts, Mabel. We are also glad to have Louise McGuire as a new forelady with us.

Who's sick? Opal McBride is recuperating after an appendectomy. Hope you will soon be back, Opal. Elress Nichols is back after having her tonsils removed.

We would like to welcome to the shift two new girls, Eva Byrd and Christine Wingfield.

By Becky Gunn

"D" SHIFT

DID YOU KNOW—

On September 2, 1945, at 7:30 a. m., a group of operators and foreladies chosen from "A," "B," and "C" Shifts assembled in the conference room and organized the so-called "D" Shift, with Mr. C. R. Currin, Area Supervisor, and Mr. R. W. Seitz, Assistant Area Supervisor, present. With Mabel Norris as general forelady from "C" Shift and Mr. J. F. Wilson as shift supervisor, we know "D" Shift is going to make a hit. How about it, girls!

Lois Moore's boy friend is home from overseas?

Lena Bishop was seen with a diamond on her third finger, left hand?

Shirley Cox is all smiles with the long week-end and her boy friend home after three years overseas?

Dora Prillaman says every day is getting brighter—her boy friend is home after 40 months overseas?

Frances Hensley went to the coast over the week-end—just to see the water front? ?

Nancy Smith and Eloise Hutcherson are welcome to our shift?

Sorry to hear Hazeltine Young's husband is in the hospital?

We're sorry Ona Rorrer's mother has been sick?

Ann McHone is on the sick list—certainly miss you and hope you will soon be back.

By Evelyn Norman

DAY CREW

We welcome Losia Rorrer and Ruth Spencer to Day Crew. Good luck to Evelyn Minter who has been transferred to shifts.

Thelma Leake is one lucky girl—the day her vacation started, in walked her boy friend who has been overseas for three years.

It happened again—Gertie Fowlkes changed her name to Mrs. John Aaron. Here's wishing you much success and happiness, Gertie.

Irene Bowling came in the other morning flashing a beautiful diamond. It seems Irene will be the next one to the altar.

Gladys Shelor should appear on the "Can You Top This"? program with her dog stories.

By Sarah Hazelwood

DAY MISCELLANEOUS

We wish to welcome the following new girls to our group: Kathleen Grogan, Gloria Bishop, Maude Fulcher, Lottie Johnson, Clara Spencer, Elizabeth Colvin, Beatrice Purdy, and Ruth Spencer and Losia Rorrer. Glad to have you with us, girls.

Edith Brown, Hazel Ingram and Virginia Stowe are on our sick list. We hope they will be back with us soon.

Our sympathy goes out to Edith Brown in the recent loss of her mother.

We miss Marie Foster, Doris Walker and Mary Fralin and wish them luck in their new jobs.

How about someone finding me some dope on the machine cleaners—they won't tell me a thing.

By Codell Jones

PROCESS DEVELOPMENT

In the absence of our regular reporter, the work has descended on her anonymous assistants. We can now more readily sympathize with her after digging up information for her column.

The greatest event of the past month was the nuptials of our recent fellow cohort, Joe Rivers. The groom was given exhortations with the standard Technical flourish. We understand now that——— is the boss in the home!

The bachelor ranks have now dwindled to a committee of one and we now wonder how long it will last in existence.

We are certainly glad that our cheery clerk, Marie, is back at her job. It has been quiet enough at times to be boring during her absence. You will hear direct from her from here on!

Anonymous

STORES

There have been quite a few "fish stories" going around Stores since Phil Greek, Harvey Beauchamp, Maynard Layman and "Buck" Lambeth took a trip to the shore of North Carolina to catch a few whoppers! They seemed to have had good luck at this sport and it was enjoyed by each one.

Welcome to Ovid Jordan who is back with the gang after spending a while with Uncle Sam.

Hats off to Howard Turner for a job well done as our Safety Chairman and congratulations to Bill Lovell who has been elected for the next six months. We understand Cabell Pratt did some tall 'lectioneering for him.

Due to the shortage of apples in this locality, Maynard Layman is anticipating buying an orchard!

Have you heard the good news— "Genus" Lanier has gotten a discharge and is on his way home. We are hoping that the others will follow soon!

John Hylton left Stores to join his close friend

on the Janitor Force (Tyler Raymond Fontaine) —two pals.

Arthur "Little Boy" Dandridge became tired of mowing grass and tamping crossties and came to Stores. Good luck, Arthur, and don't talk too much.

Jess Dupee has a suggestion on an automatic ice cream dipper.

We welcome Jack Hill, who has spent three years overseas, to our group. We want to congratulate Jack on a job well done in the Pacific, together with the winning of a wife recently.

By C. O. Pratt

CAFETERIA

We extend our sincere sympathy to Polly Flanagan on the loss of her mother.

Can you imagine anyone being as calm as Frances Wells seemed to be during the recent grease fire in the bakeshop?

After all our meetings on safety why does Annie Hairfield neglect taking her safety ideas to weiner roasts? We learned that the day after said weiner roast, Ruth Yearout reported blue stripes on a certain part of her anatomy!

Janie Boaz says if she were twins perhaps she could get her fall cleaning done without interfering with her social life!

We shall be so happy when Margaret Chaney sees fit to let Virginia Harris out of the dog house. It's such a cold place during the winter!

Since having learned that her boy friend will be in the Army of occupation in Japan for another year, Jackie Bryant has decided to master typing at Perry Business School.

JUST IMAGINE . . .

Anna Fuller singing like Lula Hairston. Clarence Gravely possessing 'Tine Anglin's ability to jitterbug.

Blanche Waller with Sallie Clark's height. Judith Pettie with Johnsie Fontaine's gift of gab.

Eleanor Redd frustrated over something.

By Lennie Meredith Mary Spehar

PROTECTION

Spence Reynolds thinks maybe he had better look where he is going since his Ford turned over!

It is hard for James Piller to find enough ration points. He has probably found that two can't live as cheaply as one!

Clarence Harris reports a fine crop of tobacco he raised during his leisure time this past summer.

The guard force is sorry to lose Harry Bradley to Process Control.

Fred Critz pleasantly solved his transportation problem by finding a ride in a newly painted Buick with seven girls!

John Wilson is welcomed to "D" Shift as Sergeant.

We were sorry to hear of Bott Wingfield's bad luck when the oil truck burned up in his yard and seared his home. We hope he will be living under normal conditions soon.

By "The Sergeants"

SAFETY

Maybe our "Baseball Fan," Harry Daughtry, can spend some of his nights at home now, since the baseball season is over!

Bill Burgess has been quite a busy man around the house lately, working on all those projects. If he keeps this up, he will make a very industrious husband! !

By Katherine Montgomery

PROJECT ENGINEERING

Lucille Hod ges is "riding high" these days—"Hubby" is en route home from the Pacific.

Roy Bullington stated that he had been vacationing, but that the details were his business. Gee Whiz!

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A Paratrooper Comes Home

It you want to know how it feels to make a jump from a plane traveling 150 miles per hour at a height of 600 feet, just ask Joe Petty in the Shipping Area. During his three years in the Army as a member of the 505th Parachute Regiment, 82d Airborne Division, Joe made 16 tactical and four combat jumps. He participated in six major campaigns; was awarded the American Defense Medal with one Bronze Star; the Good Conduct Medal; a Presidential Citation; Combat Infantry Badge; Parachute Wings with four stars; and the E. A. M. E. T. Campaign Medal with six battle stars.

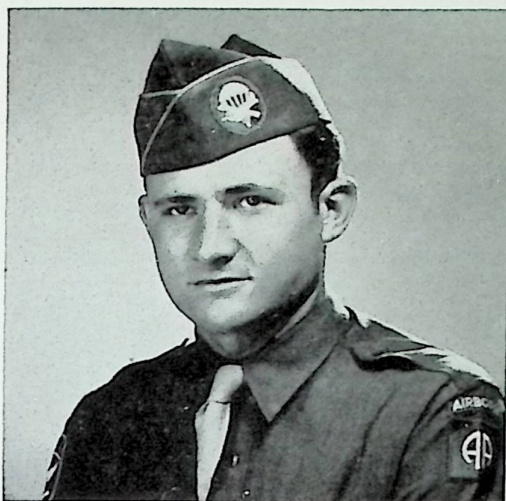
For a resume of Joe's activities since leaving the plant for induction in November, 1942, here is his own story:

"... We sailed from Newport News for Casablanca where we took special training for our scheduled drop into Sicily on July 9, 1943. We were relieved in Sicily six weeks later and returned to Bizerte, North Africa, for training as assault troops in the Salerno, Italy, beachhead.

Due to a change in orders, we jumped into Italy, September 13, 1943—on this night, I made my first descent in a nylon parachute. We were relieved two months later and withdrawn to Naples, Italy, for a rest, reorganization and preparation to move to northern Ireland.

Arrived in Belfast in December, 1943, and trained for two months, then sailed for Glasgow, Scotland, from there to England by train.

Trained in England for three months in preparation for D-Day in France. Our Regiment jumped into Ste. Mere Eglise, Normandy, June 6, 1944, at 1:00 a. m., was relieved five weeks later and returned to England for a short duty furlough and more training for another jump or any other emergency. A jump into Belgium between the Maginot and Siegfried lines was called off at the last moment because



Pfc. Joe Petty, ex-Paratrooper

General Patton's Third Army had overrun our "drop zone." We unloaded our planes and waited two weeks and jumped into Holland, near Nijmegen. I was very fortunate in being in the one plane in the 1,000-plane formation from which this particular daylight mass jump was broadcasted to the world by radio. We were all allowed to say hello to our families back home and tell them how we felt about the whole thing.

We were relieved after two months in Holland and returned to Rheims, France. Our rest there was interrupted three weeks later when the Nazis made their big counter-attack in the Ardennes. We went up as regular Infantry and attacked the northern side of the Bulge, pushing to Veilsalm, Germany. We then moved to Aachen, Germany, and pushed to the Roer River. After a week's watch on the Roer we were relieved and went back to Rheims, France, for a rest and more training.

We were ordered to Germany in April and pushed to the Rhine, then did occupation duty in and around Borne, Germany.

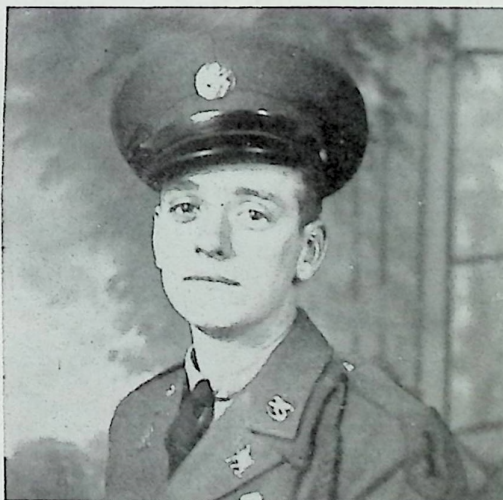
We were called upon to establish a beachhead across the Elbe River, May 1, southwest of Hamburg and to drive east until we met the Russians. The war ended a few days after we linked up with the Russians south of Hamburg.

We took up occupation duties in the Hamburg sector until redeployment got underway. I was among the high point men selected to return home by air. We left Marseilles, France, in a B-17 for Casablanca, left Casablanca in a C-54 Luxury Liner for Dakar, West Africa, and on to Natal, Brazil. The rest of the trip was made in our jump planes (C-47) via Belem, Brazil, British Guiana, San Juan, Puerto Rico and Miami, Florida, arriving August 26, 1945. I was discharged August 31, 1945."

Pacific Veteran Returns To Work

Charlie DeShazo spent the last 32 months in the Pacific fighting the Japs from island to island, making one beachhead landing after another from the Russell Islands to Lingayen Gulf on Luzon Island in the Philippines.

His experience with Japs began back in October, 1942. When his division left San Francisco, October 6, aboard the troop ship President Coolidge, the war picture in the Pacific was dark—the Japs had pushed to within shooting distance of Australia and the Marines were fighting desperately to stay on Guadalcanal. The troops on board the President Coolidge were en route to Guadalcanal as support to the Marines, they being the first division fully equipped with all new and modern equipment. On October 26, around 9 A. M. the President Coolidge struck a submerged mine and only a few minutes later struck another. The combined damage left her in a sinking condition. At the "abandon ship" order, Charlie began to slide down the side on a rope, a lifeboat passed directly underneath him so he let go and dropped squarely in the middle of it. He was picked up by the Cruiser Chester and along with the rest of the 4,000 aboard the Coolidge, dumped on a small island in the New Hebrides where the only inhabitants were a



Sgt. Charlie DeShazo

group of 200 Marines who were building a fighter base as support to Guadalcanal. Of course, when their ship sunk, all their personal belongings and equipment were lost. Charlie stayed here a couple months living in caves, eating cocoanuts because the Marines did not have enough food, clothing and housing to care for 4,000 visitors.

When they were finally rescued and re-outfitted, Charlie and the rest of the division fought the Japs on Guadalcanal, the Russell Islands, Rendova, Munda, New Georgia, New Guinea, and the Philippines. Charlie was hospitalized at Biak in the Netherlands East Indies from April 15, to May 8, when he boarded a ship for the U. S. A., and discharge on August 18.

A tragic, yet interesting thing happened while Charlie was stationed on Rendova. Two replacements were using the same foxhole. During their first night a land crab fell in the

hole and of course each woke up with a start, thought the other was a Jap and killed each other. (War in any of its aspects is a terrible waste of life.)

Charlie has the Asiatic Pacific Ribbon with four battle stars, six other service ribbons and the Presidential Unit Citation.

Welcome back to Du Pont, Charlie.

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The Project Group takes this opportunity to wish Mr. Gladding success and happiness in his work at Seaford.

We understand Messrs. Hellaby and Martin use the "midnight oil" in chasing turkeys and chickens respectively.

Readers—Please contact Paul Schuh for ingenious uses for scotch tape!

Cy Fraser is still recovering from train rides to Wilmington and refuses to talk.

By Lucille Hodges

ACCOUNTING

Accounting Section welcomed a visit from Lieutenant and Mrs. R. H. Abbitt, better known as "Bud and Herbe." They happened in just in time to celebrate Buzz Wynne's birthday!

Congratulations to you, Virginia Gravely, on becoming a Sergeant. We are anxiously awaiting another visit from you.

Mary Fitzgerald finds it quite difficult to hold hands with her favorite ex-G. I., now that Dr. Dickerson has taped up her finger. Mary, are you positive that finger caught in a window in the first place?

All the details haven't come out, but from all reports, Sara, Millie, Emmie and Helen really had a scrumptious time at the opening game at Virginia.

Flowers from Panama—Wild flowers done up with rope for Fannie Belle. A little unconventional, I'd say, but the important thing was that the thought was there!

Have you always been fond of milk shakes, Gay? It seems you've been seen consuming quite a few with that good-looking soldier.

Wonder what Henry Winters is going to do now that baseball season is over! But then, basket ball will soon be here and we know our champion will be right in there fighting.

General Maintenance has been complaining of peculiar noises resembling those heard on a river bank at dusk. Some investigation revealed the source—Ingles Childress with a very big frog in her throat.

Wilmer Noble makes big demands these days. He has offered to beg, borrow or steal girls and his office is overflowing now. Somebody ought to break that monopoly before it breaks Noble!

That strong girl in the Mail Room is Frances Gilbert. It's all the result of the vitamin pills she's been taking. "Muscle-Man" Gilbert she's known as these days!

No, Ruth Morris hasn't a twin, and you're not seeing double. It is her sister, Willa Dean, newest member of the "Pony Express" at the time of this report.

For Glayds Campbell's benefit, will someone suggest that all doors be labeled. She was seen going in the wrong door in the Factory Building.

Whether we like Becky Metz's hair up or owan, with gardenias or without, with a cold wtve or without, furnishes quite a bit of controversial conversation. The main thing is of course, we like Becky Metz.

As we go to press, would like to welcome our very latest member of the "Pony Express," Virginia Young.

By Dot Skeen

Employee Suggestions Adopted

September, 1945

POLYMER AND SPINNING

Murray L. Bryant
Lester C. Finney
J. C. Steele

MAINTENANCE

Henry W. Barbour
John W. Gilbert
Justian A. Kelly
W. L. Wood

POWER

W. F. Cleary
C. J. Cunningham
Joe M. Dove
Hodie J. Ferguson
J. R. Pyle (3)
E. J. Lucas

POWER SERVICE

We are all glad to hear that "Red" Collins, who recently underwent an appendectomy, is recovering and will be back with us again soon.

So Paul Campbell is expert at "grubbing stumps" and fixing lawns—that is, if he can get a little extra help on the side, eh, Paul? ?

Anyone interested in the poultry business, just see Joe Dove—he has a general variety!

You who are doubtful about the electric gang's work just go out and see the job Joe Davis and Cliff Cunningham are doing in Textile Area. Mighty fine we think, boys!

Just received a letter from Ross Yearout who is stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla. He says it's mighty lonesome down there and wishes all the gang would write him a line or two.

By Ellis Dodson

POWER

We are glad to have Robert Talley back on the job after a tour of duty on the front lines in Europe with the U. S. Army. Robert says, "It's nice to be back—period."

Vieva Snead pretends she does not have male interest in New Mexico, but it appears she is preparing to welcome someone back from the Army.

We regret to hear that Robert Clary, F 1/c, U. S. Navy, is now a patient in a Naval hospital . . . Lieutenant Tyler Holland, U. S. Army, is now somewhere in the Pacific . . . We have also been informed that Lieutenant Edward Wiseman, U. S. N. R., finally decided to secure the benefits of that extra rental and subsistence allowance by getting married.

Wes Sinclair's latest hobby is escorting visitors, especially the office girls, around the Power House.

Bill Pipkin has given up hunting for the more modern sport of flying. His greatest problem is to find something to replace the old faithful hunting dog to lead him home when he gets lost in the clouds.

Larry Hammock has had so many jobs recently—Standards Supervisor, Shift Supervisor, and Power House Supervisor—that he has been overheard arguing with himself. We were not surprised to hear that he bought a license to go squirrel hunting the day after the season closed!

Various methods of winning a golf match were used during the recent tournament—for details see Hamp O'Neal and George Hollis!

By Guy Williams

PROCESS CONTROL

All Process Control is very glad to have George Yeamans back with us.

Mary Marion's theme song these days is "Bell Bottom Trousers."

Bea Martin and Elizabeth Marshall are all smiles because Bea's brother and Elizabeth's husband are expected home soon.

We are glad to have Ruth Minter back with us after recovering from an appendectomy. Ruth says she will be able to help harvest that sweet potato crop now!

Myrtle Rutledge is not in her second childhood yet, but according to her she's practically going through school again with her daughter, Carolyn.

We have finally decided why Catherine Wright stays so quiet—she's trying to see if she can hear a "dropped-end."

Joe Labovsky has had trouble with the roof of his house leaking. He has decided, however, that when it is raining he can't get anyone to fix it and when it is not raining, it doesn't need fixing—so what?

By Dot Hensley

SPOOLING, SHIPPING, INSPECTION

Would You Be Surprised To Know—

Eva Miles almost decided to be a nurse "once"?

Gloris Vaughn can play a guitar.

Ruth Stultz, who is strictly not the domestic type, can sew like nobody's business.

Irma Belcher once, when a child, climbed up on the house top at five in the morning to see the sun rise.

Ann Cunnings corresponds with a sailor.

Bea Clark donned her boy friend's coat and hat to keep from getting sunburned while boat riding at Fairy Stone Park. Page Bryant almost fell out of the boat in which she was riding—staring at same!

Gillie Haynes got spanked when in the fifth grade for giving out with an answer—Figsboro, Snow Creek, and Rocky Mount, when asked a question concerning the states.

Louise Robertson won third place in a public speaking contest.

We welcome the following new girls: Arabell West, Doris Walker, Mary Fralin, Marie Foster, Margaret Mills and Lois Mason.

By Claudine Martin

PERSONNEL

We are hoping Jean Critz will be back with us by the time she reads this BLENDER, and telling us about her operation. Marie Brown, who is pinch-hitting for Jean, looks very chic in the blue smock, even if it is elbow length. Ralph Scott declares he really isn't any older although he just had a birthday along with a gift and a poem dedicated to him from the Employment Section. Actor George Branhams expects a call from Hollywood just any day now. Frances Hampton, the 10 o'clock scholar of Employment, hangs her head in shame. "Auntie" Toddy Young feels very proud of her little niece. Shirley Thomas is taking off for New York the first of November, if she can do any shopping for anyone, please let her know before then. We welcome Doris Holland back to the Personnel Section. By Martha Powell

PURCHASING

News of returning service men is the biggest news from the Purchasing Section this month.

Lloyd Riggan's brother is home after 29 months in the Pacific.

Ruth Nelson's husband expects to have his discharge from the Army around October 1.

And Imogene Davis' husband is expected home in October after a 16-month absence!

By Imogene Davis

MEDICAL

DEAR MARIE BRYANT:

The Editor of this magazine comes to see me every month to ask me to decipher my news for him. This time we'll answer your welcome letter to us, and then he won't have to worry about my sentence structure and unfamiliar phrases.

Hilma wants you to know that she is now an aunt. Brother George, of "supermarket" fame, was responsible—it's a boy!

Grethel says when you come to visit next time, to stop around at the Oakley Apartments. She has moved in with Blanche Adkins.

Dr. Dickerson would like to challenge you to a game of golf some Saturday morning if you'll come to see us again.

Louise is becoming quite a puppy dog fancier these days, and gets taken for walks frequently.

Dr. Shockley seems to be so occupied with his farm, steers, and excursions to Richmond with the boys, that he hasn't much time for pleasure trips.

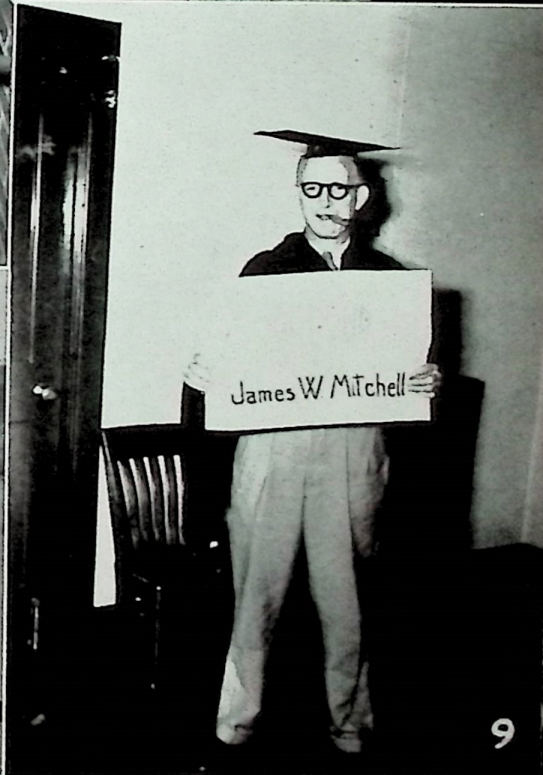
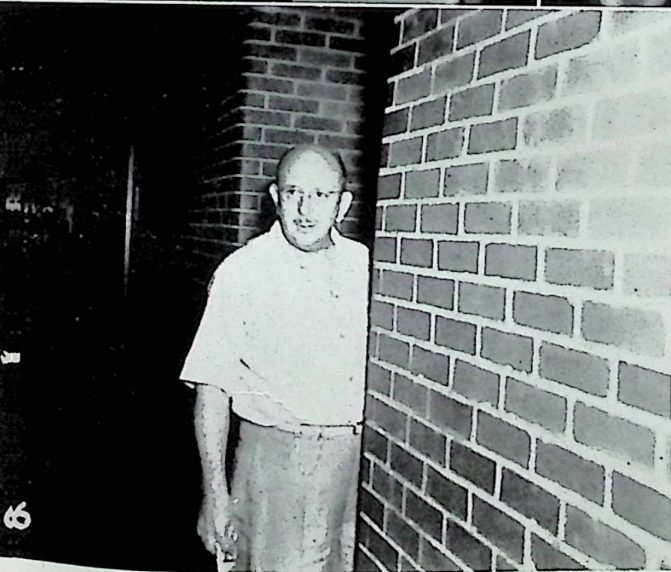
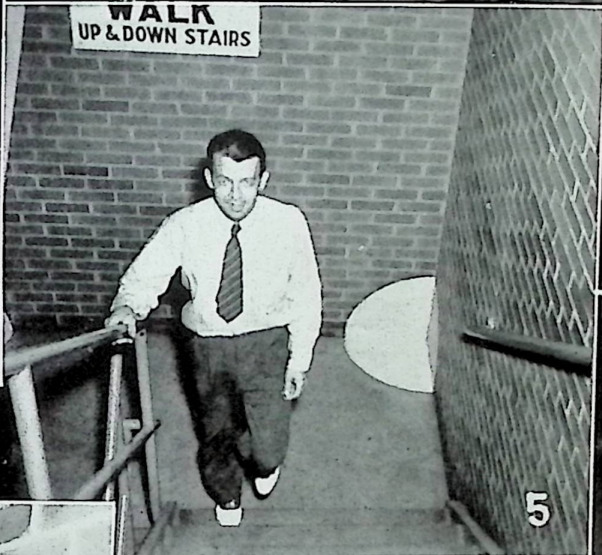
However, Frances says she would be only too glad to drive to Deshon to see you on one of her visits, and with the car full of us, too, if the powers that be would sanction said trip.

My extra four hours are spent mostly just appreciating the extra four hours, Marie.

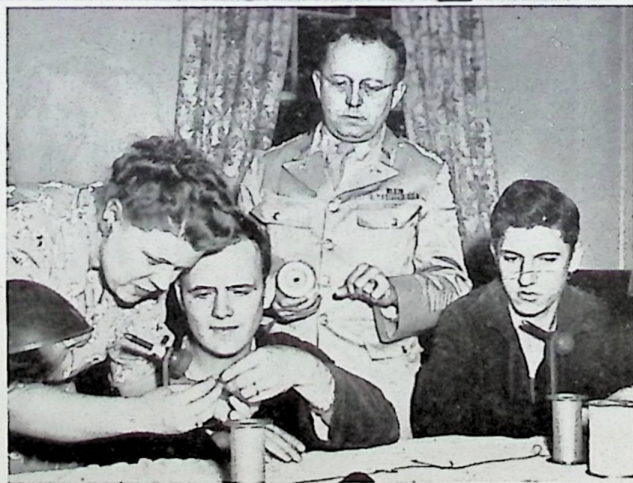
Are you still poking penicillin at the boys?

By Marge Jacobs

SCATTER SHOTS



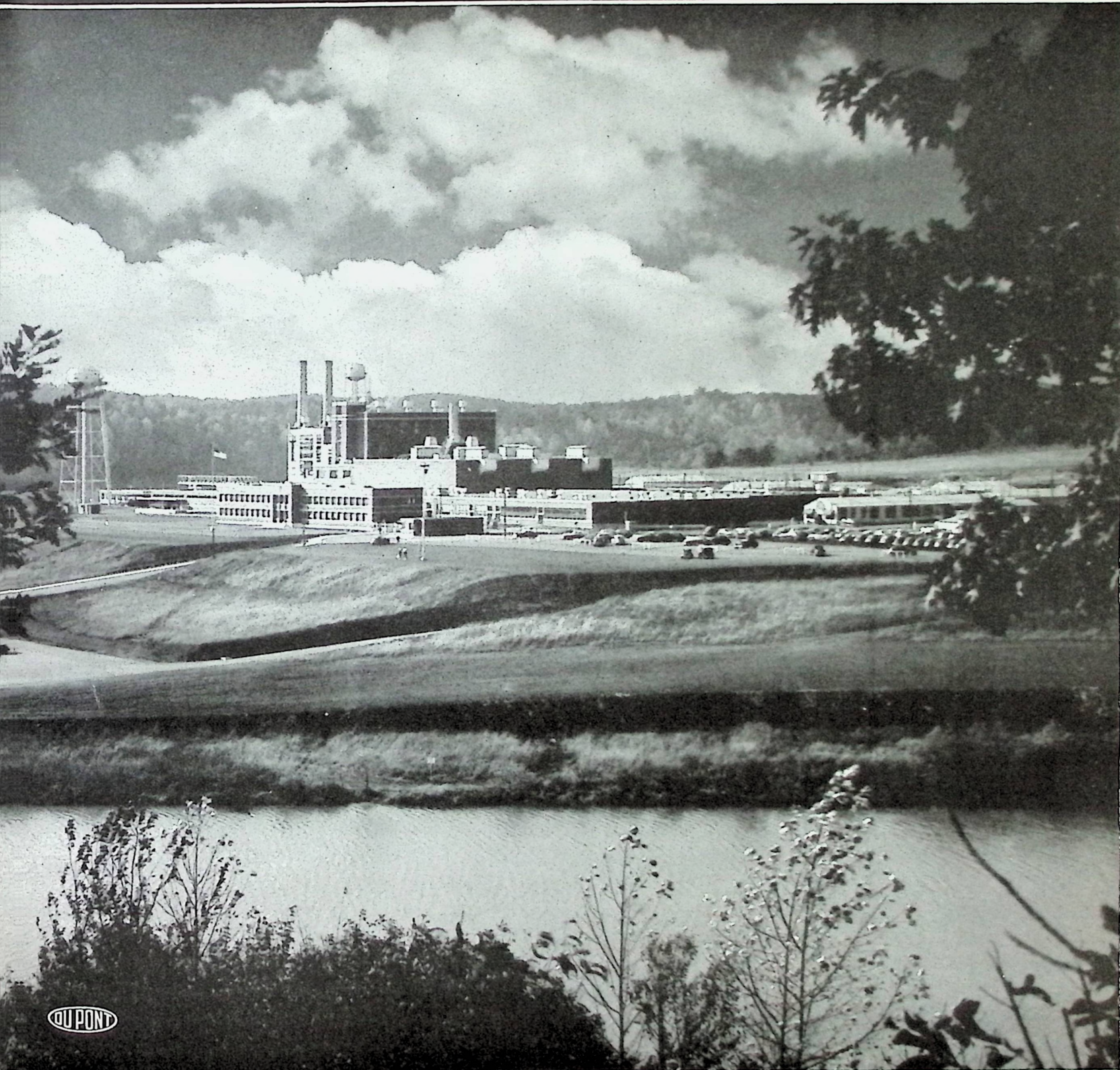
Shot No. 1—Shows Bruce Huffaker surveying the oversize pencil presented him on completion of 20 years' service with Du Pont. The pencil is supposed to last another 20 years. No. 2—Helen Cole, Stores, yells to her co-worker, "Bring up a half-inch bolt, Bub." No. 3—Irma Belcher, Inspection, looks happy as she gathers up lots of waste from around a spooling machine. No. 4—Ye Editor contemplates on who he is going to crucify next. (Oh, no, it's the other way around.) No. 5—Don Heckert keeps to the right, uses the handrail and takes one step at a time and smiles, as usual. No. 6—"Two-gun" Scotty May is ready to jump around the corner at the first sight of another stork. No. 7—A big enough bat and a too small ball was Norm Craigue's lament when this one was taken. No. 8—"Blind Tom" Boyer poses in full regalia as the crooked (as usual) umpire of the "Never Weres" and "Has Beens" Softball game. No. 9—On graduation from the 10-year to the 15-year pin class, Jim Mitchell was given this cap and gown and a "loaded" cigar.



Nylon and Rehabilitation

The above photographs show the use being made of nylon in the rehabilitation of soldiers who have been injured in the hands and arms. This is only one of the many uses of nylon to this program. The recuperating veterans of World War II find recreation and valuable exercise in the fly-tying class, using nylon wire for leaders and nylon yarn, which they unravel from parachute cords to tie flies.

The Blender



MARTINSVILLE PLANT

November, 1945

FOURTH ANNIVERSARY

Victory and Thanksgiving

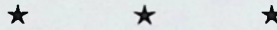
The question "Don't you know the war is over?" is heard on all sides these days as people try to forget a great and tragic experience. And, there are a great many people who would answer in the affirmative, but there are those for whom the war isn't over until they get home from the far-away islands of the Pacific, from the wrecked villages and towns in Germany, from the barren wastes of the Aleutian Islands. As long as those boys are out there—for them there is still a war going on.

Have you ever visited an Army or Navy hospital? Have you seen the cream of the nation's manhood flat on their backs with wounds caused by war, or getting about in a wheelchair because they'll never walk again? It's a pretty discouraging visit. It makes one realize the futility and waste of war. It makes one wonder if we aren't civilized and educated enough to get along with each other without fighting. It also makes one realize that though the

shooting and killing has stopped, for these boys the war will last a long, long time—for some until the day they die. It brings home, very clearly and forcefully, the fact that for us the war is not over. We can't forget these men and what they have done for us. We can't forget our obligation to them.

To the men who are confined to the hospital, to the men who are yet to come home, to all those who served their country in this or any other war, we have an obligation. We must provide the many necessary things to get the boys home, to care for the injured, to pay for the million and one other things that still have to be done.

Eleven billion dollars is a lot of money but we can do it if we all get together and do our fair share. We have a lot to give thanks for and do you know of a better way than buying a Victory Bond between now and December 8?



DuPont Products in Peacetime



Rain-Time

Coat-and-skirt rainwear is something new. The style pictured is of wool and rayon gabardine, treated with Du Pont "Aridex" water repellant so rain won't penetrate the fabric. A dozen colors are available, including American Beauty, sea-foam green, gold, black. Lining is of rayon.

(Photo courtesy Du Pont Style Center)



Lounge-Time

When your day of making nylon is done, what could be more inviting for restful lounging or informal dining than this tailored chartreuse blouse of Du Pont rayon with black piping matched with black crepe trousers. Sure, it will be a nylon blouse now that the war is over and nylon will be on the market again.

(Photo courtesy Du Pont Rayon)

SAFETY AND THANKSGIVING



1621

1945

THE PILGRIM FATHERS AT PLYMOUTH GAVE THANKS FOR THE HARVEST AND MERCIES OF THE CLOSING YEAR AS EARLY AS 1621. THEIR BLESSINGS, FEW THOUGH THEY SEEM TO US, WERE THE BASIS OF OUR WAY OF LIFE TODAY.

THE EVERYDAY LIFE OF THESE EARLY SETTLERS PRESENTED MANY PROBLEMS AND DANGERS BUT SELF-PRESERVATION WAS IN THEIR MINDS. THEREFORE THEY SET ABOUT TO IMPROVE THEIR HOMES AND VILLAGES AND TO DO AWAY WITH THE DANGERS AND OBSTACLES WHICH TROUBLED THEM.

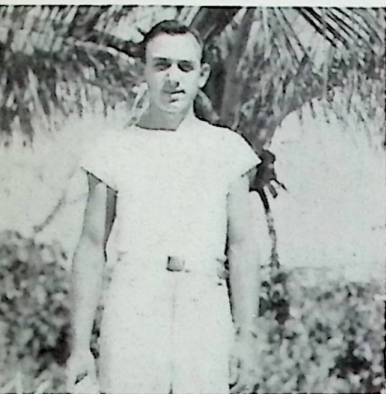
THE AMERICANS TODAY, LIVING IN A COMPLEX AGE COMPARED WITH THAT OF OUR PILGRIM FATHERS, HAVE MANY THINGS TO BE THANKFUL FOR: OUR BOYS ARE RETURNING TO A HOME THAT HAS NOT BEEN DEVASTATED BY BOMBS AND SHELLS; WE HAVE GOOD FOOD, SUFFICIENT CLOTHING AND COMFORTABLE HOMES. WE STILL VALUE HUMAN LIVES AND NATION-WIDE EFFORT IS STILL BEING MADE TO ELIMINATE POTENTIAL SAFETY HAZARDS.

CAN'T WE AS INDIVIDUALS CONTINUE TO WORK AND PLAY SAFELY SO WE MAY KEEP OUR LIVES HAPPY, HEALTHY AND PEACEFUL?

BY:
ACCOUNTING SECTION

Soldiers and Sailors

EX-SAILOR COMES HOME



Glen D. Powell

Ex-Carpenter's Mate Second Class Glenn Powell's experience with the Navy began on July 21, 1942, at Richmond, Va., where he was inducted into service. A special train took him and 1,199 other recruits to the Naval Training Base at Norfolk, Va., and there he received his boot training.

After completing this training and an eight-day leave, Glenn boarded the U. S. S. *Kenman*, a troop transport, that in five days landed him at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, a U. S. Naval Repair Base.

During the two years Glenn spent at this base, he helped repair all types of ships from large cruisers to the small PT's representing several of the Allied nations. He spent as many as 24 hours down in the hold of a ship in a cramped position making repairs in a hurry so that the boats could put back to sea at the earliest possible moment. In looking

back over the time spent here and the work accomplished, Glenn says he wonders now how they managed to make some of the repairs they did. Several times, a ship on the way in for repair would radio ahead the type of repair needed and by the time the ship docked, the boys at the base would have the new parts made and could put them in place in a hurry.

Glenn was not favorably impressed with Cuba; the standard of living was considerably below what he had been used to in the States; and the modern methods of transportation and communication as we know them did not exist.

January 3, 1944, Glenn was transferred to the Amphibious Training Base at Solomons, Md., and assigned to a ship repair unit that was scheduled to sail for England on April 1, 1944. Due to there being so many men with the rating of carpenter's mate, sixty-eight were withdrawn. Glenn was one among those withdrawn.

Glenn is back with us now and is working in Lubrication.

FIGHTER SERGEANT DISCHARGED



Curtis H. Fitts

When the Army inducted Curtis Fitts, former Textile operator, August 12, 1942, they must have decided he would make a good Air Corps man because immediately on completion of his basic training, he was sent to a technical training school in Aircraft Armament at Buckley Field, Colo., for three months and Westover Field, Mass., for seven months. His training completed, Curtis was assigned to the 362d Fighter-Bomber Group scheduled for overseas. His job was to take care of all guns, sights, cameras, bomb racks, rockets, and ammunition on the P-47's which made up the group.

November 24, 1943, found Curtis on board the *Queen Mary* bound for England. The trip across took 5½ days because of the circuitous route by Bermuda. He landed in Firth-of-Clyde and the group established its base at Colchester as a

part of the Eighth Air Force, just 17 miles from the Channel. When the Ninth Air Force was formed the 362d was the first group assigned to the new force.

Eight days after D-Day, the 362d set up shop in France and continued to chase the Jerries back into their hole. During the Battle of the Bulge, however, the front line fighting got so close to the base that they had all the equipment loaded in trucks ready to pull out if the Nazis got too close.

After the German surrender, the 362d was redeployed and started training for transfer to the Pacific. They were just about to board ship, August 14, when the Japanese surrendered to MacArthur on board the U. S. S. *Missouri*, which canceled their Pacific plans and brought them back to the States, landing in New York, September 4, 1945. He received his discharge September 12 and reported back for work in P. & S. on October 8.

In addition to his eight campaign stars, Curtis has the Presidential Unit Citation with cluster which was given to the 362d for their strafing activities in destroying so many German vehicles during the Battle of the Bulge.

B-17 NAVIGATOR BACK ON THE JOB

Uncle Sam pointed his finger and said, "I Want You," to Melvin Wells and on October 22, 1942, he enlisted as an Aviation Cadet.

Melvin was called to active service in February, 1943, and took his training at different fields in the United States. At Midland, Texas, where he was taking his advance training, Melvin was cadet colonel in charge of a cadet wing which was made up of 950 men. He graduated as a bombardier and received a second lieutenant's commission in the Air Corps. After taking overseas training on a B-17, Melvin left Kearney, Neb., on June 7, 1944, for England.

Overseas he was attached to the Eighth Air Force and flew with the 95th and "Bloody" 100th Bomber Groups. Ten of his missions were flown as bombardier and thirteen as Radar navigator on a lead crew.

Melvin now has over 700 hours flying time to his credit and 450 of that time was made on a B-17. He holds four battle stars, the Air Medal with two clusters, a Presidential Citation with a cluster, and has been recommended for the Distinguished Flying Cross which is still pending.

Returning to England from one of their missions, the group became lost and Melvin, as lead Radar navigator, successfully led the group back to the base at an altitude of 300 feet, through the use of ground radar instruments.

Melvin hit the States on July 17, 1945, and on October 3, 1945, accepted a reserve commission as a first lieutenant in the U. S. Army Air Corps.

At the present time, Melvin is in the Order and Invoice Section. He remarked that he has been in the clouds ever since his return but without that B-17.



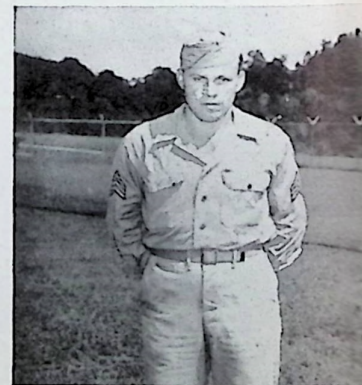
Melvin Wells

AIR CORPS SERGEANT COMES HOME

Numa McDaniel left his job in the Textile Area in January, 1943, to be inducted in the U. S. Army at Camp Lee, Va. His basic training in the Signal Corps took place at Atlantic City and Seymour Johnson Field, N. C. On being transferred to Salt Lake City Air Base, he was also moved from the Signal Corps to the Ordnance Crew of the 392d Bomber Group, which was being assembled for group training preparatory to going overseas.

The ground crew of the group left the United States in July, 1943, aboard the *Queen Mary* for the unescorted dash across the Atlantic to England. Numa did not lack for company during the 4½-day voyage since there was a total of 21,000 men on board. Most of the time Numa slept on the open deck for lack of a cot. The men of the 392d were based at the Wendling Air Base, and after only a couple days to get straightened out, began their bomb runs over France and Germany. During the eight months Numa was assigned to the group, it made 76 bombing missions, which kept him and the rest of the crew busy loading 100 to 2,000-pound bombs in the B-24 bomb racks.

Sergeant McDaniel also saw service with the 490th Bomber Group and carried on the same job as ordnance man on their B-17's as before until his transfer back to the States in July, 1945. This time, he crossed the ocean by plane in 23 hours flying time, landing at Bradley Field, Conn. His final discharge papers were signed and Numa found himself again a "poor civilian." In addition to the E. T. O. Ribbon, he has six Battle Stars, the Presidential Unit Citation, and the Good Conduct Medal.



Numa W. McDaniel

Turned Civilians

D-E SAILOR COMES BACK

Keeping the running gear of a Destroyer-Escort in perfect operating condition all the time and in all kinds of weather is quite a job, according to Loyd Harris, Motor Machinist's Mate third class, who is now back on the job in Textile Maintenance. Loyd spent 22 months in the U. S. Navy, and all of it on board the D.-E. U. S. S. *Stadfeld*.

After training in the States at Bainbridge and Mare Island, Loyd joined the crew of the *Stadfeld*, and set out in convoy, October, 1943, for the Pacific. It took eight and one-half days to reach their base at Pearl Harbor. The *Stadfeld* was not allowed to loaf around, but was immediately

put to work in the Gilbert Islands campaign at Tarawa. After the island was secure, an incident happened that caused Loyd to miss his ship and spend a couple months in catching up with it. He and a shipmate were sent ashore to get two officers of the ship. When they reached shore, the officers were not to be found. Then they got caught in an air raid and by the time that was over, the officers had managed to get to the ship, and it had left the port. Loyd caught up with the ship a month later at Pearl Harbor.

Next came the invasions of the Marshall Islands, the Western Carolines and Iwo Jima. Between invasions, the *Stadfeld* did convoy duty all over the Pacific. In July, she headed for home and her base at Mare Island, this time taking only eight days to cover the 6,000 miles from Iwo to Frisco. His discharge papers are dated September 29, 1945.

Loyd has four Battle Stars, and the Asiatic and Pacific Theatre Ribbons.

GEORGE CLEMENS—DISCHARGED

Prior to his enlistment in the Navy in July, 1944, George Clemens, E. M. second class, had a total of six years previous service in the U. S. Navy; four years with the regular Navy, attached to the Battleship *Colorado*, and two years in the Coast Guard chasing rum-runners up and down the Atlantic coast.

The first "hitch" on the *Colorado* was spent seeing the world at the expense of the Navy, and finding out how nice it was to come back to the States again to our way of living. During the two years with the Coast Guard, George had many thrilling experiences somewhat like you read in the story books. (Lying in the dark

with all lights out waiting to pounce on a rum-runner and then giving chase with guns blazing.)

After his enlistment in 1944, George was assigned to the YDS-57, a Seaplane Salvage ship which carried all types of diving equipment, crane, and other salvage equipment for the rescue and salvage of aircraft forced down at sea. He joined the ship at the Brooklyn Navy yard and it was here that a hatch cover fell on his leg causing what later turned out to be a serious injury. Weeks later when the ship went to Wilmington, N. C., to join a floating drydock for travel to the Philippines, George's leg was in such condition that he was ordered to the Naval Hospital at Philadelphia for treatment, which continued until October. On October 12, George was discharged on points.

George is now back on the job in Electrical Service.

CHIEF WATER TENDER BACK

Before his enlistment in the Navy, May, 1942, Ed Ferguson had served four years in the Regular Navy on board the Cruiser *Wichita*. During this time he made several trips to foreign ports and one complete round-the-world cruise, so the ways of the Navy were not new to him.

His first assignment of the second "hitch" was the fitting and commissioning of the Cruiser-Mine-layer U. S. S. *Terror* (C. M. 5) at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. After a short mission to North Africa in November, 1942, they returned to Yorktown, Va., for training preparatory to leaving for the Pacific.

The first action Ed saw in the Pacific took place around the Marshall Islands where the U. S. S. *Terror* served as an ammunition carrier for a while. From there it went on to the Gilbert and Marianas Islands operations and finally ended up at Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Prior to the Okinawa campaign, the *Terror* operated just off shore for ten days, sweeping the waters clear of mines in preparation for the landing of the Marines. Those ten days were filled with suspense because of expected fire from Jap shore batteries but the Japs were too cagey to reveal their gun positions by firing at the *Terror*.

Ed came back to the States in September expecting to go back to the Philippines but his orders were changed on arrival here and he received his discharge October 2, 1945. He did, though, retain his rating in the U. S. N. R.

Ed has five Battle Stars, the American, African, and American Defense Ribbons, and the Good Conduct Medal.

Paul Arnn says his Navy career was so short that there is nothing to write about, but it is said that one has to spend only one day in the Navy to have something to talk about or, for that matter, write about. After his induction June 11, Paul went to Bainbridge for his nine weeks "boot" training. His only comment on this was, "Some of the training was pretty tough but we made it O. K." The "we" refers to Bill Curlee, Wade Lawrence, Bill Brabson, Lancaster Turner, and himself, the five of them going through "boot" together.

After "boot," Paul was transferred to the Bainbridge Fire Department where he served as a Fireman until his discharge, September 16. He is now back on the job in P. & S.

Ovid Jordan, who is now back on the job in Stores, spent just long enough in the Army to find out how good civilian life was. After his induction and basic training at Fort Bragg which, by the way, is the largest induction and training camp in the U. S., Ovid was transferred to the Signal Corps at Camp Crowder, Mo. He had been there just two weeks when he was hospitalized. On September 5, Ovid received his Certificate of Disability Discharge and was on his way home.



Loyd L. Harris



Ed Ferguson



George Clemens

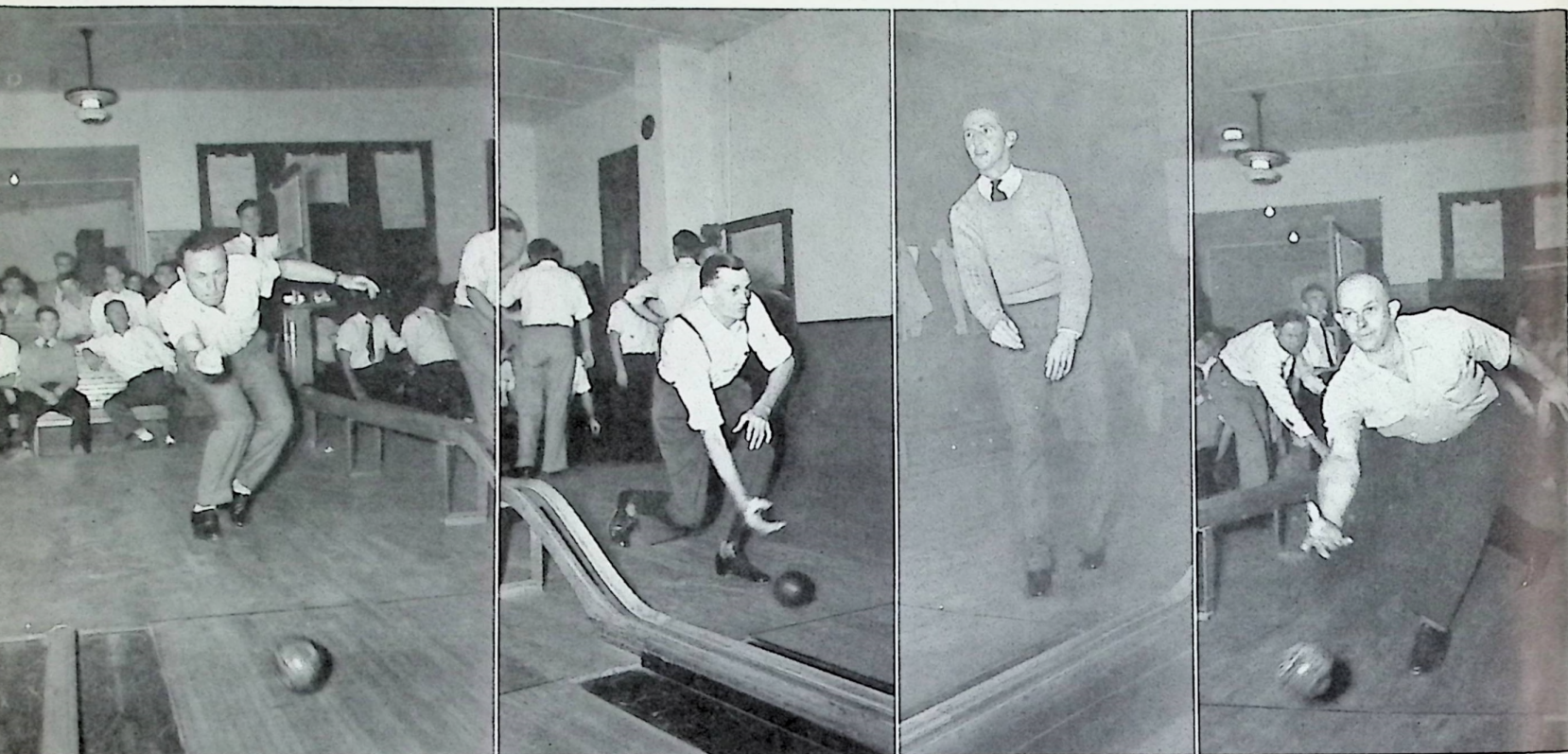


Paul Arnn



Ovid Jordan

'45-'46 Bowling Season Opens



The above pictures show that the bowling season is now in full swing in the four Leagues being sponsored by the Plant.

We are having fine participation so far in each of the Leagues, however, there is room for others who are interested in this sport.

As in every competitive sport, the players like to hear some one in the bleachers root for his or her team, and with this thought in mind, we would like to see more members of all areas come down on either Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday nights rooting for their team and showing by their presence that they are interested in the standing of their teams in the League. Not only will you see some good bowling, but you will see interest continue as it is at the present time.

Come on down and root for your team!

Men's Plant League

TEAM	WON	LOST	%
Service.....	8	1	.889
Maint.....	8	1	.889
Manuf.....	7	2	.778
All Others.....	6	3	.667
Maint. Supv.....	5	4	.556
Power Supv.....	4	5	.444
P. & S.....	3	6	.333
Power.....	2	7	.222
Proj. Eng.....	0	9	.000

Individual high game, George Ainsly of Technical, with 124 pins. High set, Perry Brown, P. & S., with 326 pins.

Men's Shift League

TEAM	WON	LOST	%
"C" Shift.....	4	2	.667
"D" Shift.....	2	1	.667
"B" Shift.....	2	1	.667
"A" Shift.....	1	5	.167

Individual high game, Joe Reynolds, "C," with 154 pins. High set, Reynolds with 354 pins.

Girls' Plant League

TEAM	WON	LOST	%
Stenorecks.....	6	3	.667
Bowleretts.....	5	4	.556
Yanks.....	5	4	.556
Alley Cats.....	2	7	.222
Individual high score, Mamie Cundiff, Bowleretts, with 115 pins. Individual high set, Mamie Cundiff, with 315 pins.			

Girls' Shift League

TEAM	WON	LOST	%
"D" Shift.....	3	0	1000
"B" Shift.....	3	0	1000
"A" Shift.....	0	3	.000
"C" Shift.....	0	3	.000

Individual high game, Nora Williams, "D" Shift, with 107 pins. High set, Nina Hill, "C" Shift, with 270 pins.



GOLF AND TENNIS STANDINGS

The first Plant Golf Tournament has been completed with Charlie Murray coming out on top as the champion club-swinging. A great deal of interest and talk was prevalent through the tournament and some very close matches were played, some of these having to go for extra holes to determine the winner. In the final round, Murray defeated Dan Jacobs, 4 up, 3 to go. Prizes were awarded the winner and runner-ups.

Play is still under way at this writing in the tennis tournament with the leaders in each bracket playing each other for the title. Gordon Bussard won the elimination contests in the upper bracket. In the lower bracket, Bill Cole and Henry Winters have a match to play, the winner of which will play Harvey Pressly for the winner of the bracket, and the winner of this match will play Bussard for the tournament championship.

Receive Cash Awards for Suggestions



C. R. Carmichael



F. R. Chitwood



T. J. Cruise



Redia W. Dillon



Joe M. Dove



J. C. Fulcher



J. W. Gouldin



F. W. Gilley



W. B. Guthrie



J. P. Harrison



W. R. Hodges



G. E. Hubbard



I. J. Locke



Sylvester McGhee



Ruth B. Minter



P. T. Morris



F. L. Newman



H. L. O'Neill



J. R. Pyle

The people whose photographs appear on this page have submitted suggestions during 1945, which have earned for them cash awards. To date, a total of 47 awards have been given for employee suggestions.



Tom Maynard
Shift Supervisor



Katie Highfield
General Forelady



Pauline Gardner
Forelady



Rebecca Gregory



Fannie Parker

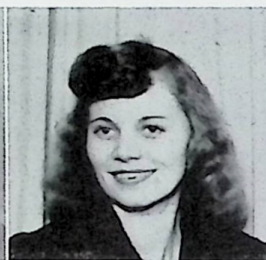
"A" SHIFT



Margaret Isley



Evelyn Gaudin



Marie David



Mary Anglin



Mary Ingram



Fannie Finney



Roberta Stowe



Joe Lene Miles



Elva Hylton



Mary Tawney



Hazel Hylton



Cecil Garvey



Christine Martin



Irene Martin



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Cevera Martin



Isabelle Prillaman



Lulie Stechowiak



Winifred Walker



Vivian Clark



Lorene Fleming



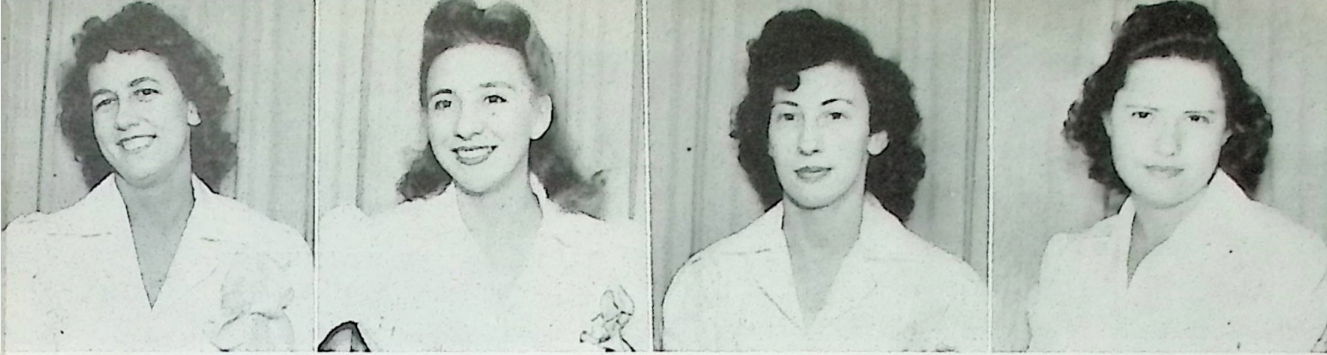
Blanche Carter



Evelyn Slaydon



Glynda Vernon



Mildred Gardner
Forelady

Lavila Dobson
Forelady

Ruth Merriman
Forelady

Ola MacDonald
Forelady

TEXTILE



Mildred DeHart

Marie Smith

Esther Soyars

Lucy Jones

Eva Hatcher

Irene Bullard



Margie Thompson

Dorothy Robbins

Iris Francis

Reva Altice

Gladys Young

Kate Kiser



Gladys Frith

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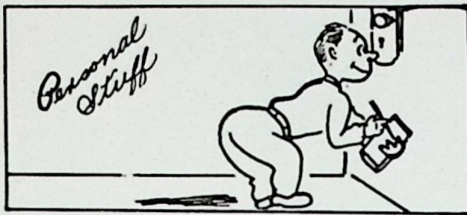
Maggie Toler

Lucinda Prillaman

Margaret Pratt

Pauline Boyd

Dell Harman



POLYMER AND SPINNING

"A" SHIFT

We received a letter from James Washburn from Germany. Always glad to hear from our boys in Service.

Curtis Fitts has rejoined his old shift after a stretch in the Army. Welcome back, Curtis. "Doc" Powell came back too and transferred to Maintenance.

Glynn Johnson is the proud papa of a five-pound girl—his second.

Paul Gordon has been with Du Pont 39 months and hasn't lost a day from work. Congratulations, Paul!

That Safety Goat sure looked good on Leo Trimm.

Roy Richardson is out sick. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Jack Stultz can drive again come November 8.

Katherine Burgess says her "Ham" is coming home. Where were you when he called, Katherine? By John Vaughan

P. S. "A" Shift is losing their star reporter. John Vaughan is leaving us to work with Maintenance. We wish you the best, John, on your new assignment.

"B" SHIFT

Congratulations to Bill Criss on the arrival of a new baby boy!

Two Textile girls, Evelyn Minter and Eva Rorrer, are giving P. & S. a much needed helping hand. Thanks, girls.

"Teen" Ramsey is writing ten-page letters and still hoping.

Ruby Hoggard finally got that visit from Jack.

"Buck" Shields is keeping busy these days writing to service men.

Transfer hoppers were pushing George Harville instead of George pushing them.

Lewis Brown has purchased a new home and is furnishing it.

John Tuggle is taking orders for ducks and Fred Gilley for quail. Happy hunting, fellows!

Here's hoping Frank Chitwood will make a speedy recovery and soon be back with us.

We hope Fred Barnes and Herman Patterson will get well quickly. We miss you, boys!

By Bill Young

"C" SHIFT

"Betting Bob" hasn't been able to do anything with "I'll tell you what I'll do" Dillard yet. Dillard says he likes Tennessee but he ain't sentimental.

There will be no buzzing on "C" Shift for the next two weeks. The bumble bee is on vacation. ("K" Watkins.)

The guys are really talking up the coon hunt. Joe Briggs says he wants to go if someone will just show him a coon. We think he may play nurse maid that night.

Congratulations to the Howard Vadens on the new arrival—another boy!

The Cliftons have been vacationing on the banks of the Smith River.

What is a long week-end without a trip to Chase City? Ask Flossy—she knows!

The best we've seen yet is John Hubbard playing bingo at the Leaksville Fair. He says the numbers were moving.

By Beulah Harvell

"D" SHIFT

We wish to extend a welcome to Morgan Hoover on "D" Shift. Morgan has just returned after three years with the Explosives Division.

"Bony" Copeland is quite busy these days buying all the shotgun shells he can find—I sure would hate to be a Henry County quail.

Graveyard shift doesn't bother Sterling Minter—heard him say he wished 8 o'clock would hurry up and get here so he could go to the farm and shuck some corn.

Clyde Fulcher worrying over those slipping bobbins, says they make him as nervous as a fox in a forest fire.

We wish Junior Hobson, Mike Steele and Les Young a speedy recovery from their illness.

Roland Rhett is having a tough time on graveyard.

Basil Setliff really likes his wife's cooking—he eats her cooking even while he works.

We wonder why Nellie Wright goes around whistling on graveyard—could it be a long week-end coming up, with Lee getting one of those week-end passes? ?

Reba Hancock is anxiously awaiting that long due 30-day furlough.

Bowling season will soon be here and "D" Shift will be in there pitching with Sterling Minter as captain. Keep 'em rolling, Sterling.

We welcome Jim Gilbert and Shields Stultz to "D" Shift.

Al Strickland is getting to be a big chicken grower. By Claude Minter

DAY CREW AND DAY RELIEF

We welcome to our group George Hubbard, Ken Stanhagen, and Murray Bryant.

Grady Holley paid us a visit recently—he has just returned from overseas. We hope he'll soon be back to stay.

Nancy says she sure can drive that ole Chevrolet when she gets mad.

Carl Pratt is still mourning over the loss of his helper—Ben Cooper. By Naomi Wyne

Betty Inman

TEXTILE

"A" SHIFT

GAZING INTO THE CRYSTAL BALL, WE SEE:

Ruth Gilbert, Mildred DeHart, Elva Hylton and Roberta Stowe have just returned from their second honeymoon.

Christine Martin is improving nicely from her recent automobile accident.

Ola McDonald would find life to be more interesting as a traveler's aide.

Evelyn Slaydon "taped up" after her ride in the loop-plane.

Cecil Garvey stirring up dust in her new car. Bernice Gregory dusting off her date book.

Margaret Isley singing to Mrs. Bruce Jones. Eva Hatcher and Esther Soyars returning to work after a tonsillectomy.

Dell Harmon, Pauline Boyd and Margaret Pratt being welcomed to "A" Shift.

"A" Shift losing three games in bowling to "D" Shift through no fault of the captain, Roberta Stowe.

Cevera Martin and Gladys Young don't have any secrets these days for they do all their talking by signs. By Reva Altice

"C" SHIFT

It wasn't religion the girls had at Oakley Apartments last week—it was only the girls getting excited over Wilma Butler's boy friend calling her from Boston. Just arrived in the States. Who was most excited, Wilma?

Becky Gunn visited Camp Pickett on her week-end and she wasn't eager to return.

If you happen to see a horse and buggy winding, or creeping, its way up the Ridgeway Road, don't get alarmed. It's not a romantic or sentimental journey we're taking—it's only Jo Eubanks, Elaine Grogan and Doris Joyce's new ride to work.

"C" Shift welcomes back to the shift Lelia Grogan as forelady, and Ethel Barnes and Viola Ramsey as operators.

Look who's in high spirits these days—Louise McGuire! She certainly doesn't like the idea of pulling 4-12 with her boy friend around.

By Doris Joyce

"D" SHIFT

"D" Shift welcomes Ruby McMillian, Eunice Dillon, Elizabeth Colvin, Nancy Smith and Eloise Hutchison.

We all miss Frances Hensley who left the shift for day work.

Mae Webster has quite a time trying to find a pair of new slacks.

Kate Manning says it isn't funny getting to work at 6:30 (next time set your clock back!).

We wonder why everyone but Betty Stanhagen got wet at the Durham football game?

Our biggest news flash this month is the arrival of a daughter to the John F. Wilson's. We haven't seen the cigars yet!

Have you seen the smile on Lena Bishop's face and the sparkler on third finger left hand?

Lois Moore's boy friend is at home from overseas. There are rumors that there will be wedding bells! By Evelyn Norman



Safety Suggestions Adopted

October, 1945

POLYMER AND SPINNING
Charlie L. Martin

POWER
C. R. Carmichael
Joe M. Dove
Wm. B. Guthrie

SERVICE
John W. Hylton
G. W. Branham

MAINTENANCE
W. L. Wood

DAY CREW

Welcome to Day Crew—Frances Hensley, Katherine Thurman, Sudie Doggett, and Ruby Wyatt.

We wonder why Losia Rorrer is spending so much time at Williamsburg lately?

Katherine Thurman is now Mrs. J. D. Spencer. Congratulations, Kat!

At last Jewell Ellis's boy friend has arrived from overseas. Jewell, your vacation came in just right—right?

Did everyone get a taste of Vivian Jones' birthday cake? If not, you really missed a treat.

By Sarah Hazlewood

PERSONNEL

It looks like old times to see Harry Daughtry in the Welfare and Recreation Office. Sure are gonna miss Ed and wish him the best of luck on his new job. Frannie Hampton wanted to postpone her trip to Wilmington until she could get a brief case but she had to rush right on up there without one. Marie Brown is taking a week's rest in New York. George Branham is still the "Olson" of Martinsville—quite a performance, "Unc"! Marvin Lentz will be glad to explain the advantages of the "T" formation in football. Harry Beach is pondering over his other week's vacation—at least his cohort can't have another appendectomy performed. The road to Wilmington was recently traveled by Gordon Bussard and 'twas said he had a "nice" trip. An orchid to Martha Powell who wrote this column last month. A whole carload if she'll do it permanently.

By Jean Critz

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With Our Men and Women in Service



Garnett Byers, Y 3/c

CORPUS CHRISTI

We haven't heard much from Garnett recently and we are beginning to wonder if maybe she has forgotten us. After some inquiring around, we found out that she is still down in Corpus Christi, Texas, at the Separation Center, doing her bit toward getting the boys out of the Navy and home again. She is expecting to get her final discharge papers sometime around the last of January, 1946, and head back to her folks in Danville and friends in Martinsville.



Bill Hedgecock, S 1/c and
Blackie Smith, S 1/c

The photo above shows two very fortunate members of Uncle Sam's Navy. Except for the past couple months, they have been assigned to practically the same job aboard the same ship ever since they have been in the service—over two years now. Right now, however, Bill is loafing around Pearl Harbor waiting for transportation to the States and his discharge, while "Blackie" had to go on with the ship to China and is not expecting his release until in the spring.

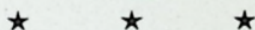
Bill is a former Power employee; "Blackie" worked in Maintenance.

When they first went in the Navy, they were part of the Armed Guard on a merchant ship plying the Atlantic. In the Pacific they were transferred to a supply ship as storekeepers and this is one of the reasons "Blackie" will be later getting his discharge.



Cpl. Grace Alexander

According to Dot Conrad, Grace's sister in Order and Invoice, Grace is now stationed at the Woodrow Wilson Hospital at Staunton, Va., where she is doing office work in connection with getting the boys through the Separation Center. Grace has been stationed here since the early summer.



Du Pont - - - Then and Now

The name Du Pont was at one time synonymous with the word gunpowder. The name Du Pont today is attached in some way or other to over 2,000 different materials which in no way resemble gunpowder.

The beginning of Du Pont production in America dates from 1802, when Eleuthere Irenee du Pont de Nemours, a pupil of the great Lavoisier, father of chemistry came to this country from France and started a tiny powder factory on Brandywine Creek in Delaware. From this small and sometimes precarious beginning, the Du Pont Company has grown and prospered through its research and expansion to other fields of manufacture.

Nylon, that mysterious substance which is commonly known as "coal, air and water," and which has proven such a boon to American women, is one of the most recent additions to the family of Du Pont products. Originally it was thought that only pure silk could be used for parachutes, but tests proved nylon to be stronger and better. This is only one of the many uses made of nylon in World War II. Shelter tents for our fighting men, ponchos, jungle hammocks that are rain, mildew and termite-proof, shoelaces for jungle wear, tow ropes for gliders are only a few of the many ways nylon worked for Victory.

With the ending of the war, nylon production is reconverted to peacetime uses and the research for postwar uses goes ahead to new and better things.

Cellophane is another familiar product of our Company that needs no introduction. The Spruance Works in Richmond first broke ground for a cellophane plant June 1, 1930, and five months later, it went into production. The present production in this plant alone, in one year, is sufficient to girdle the earth ten times with sheets 48 inches in width. This product also contributed its share to the war effort.

Rayon, Lucite, Neoprene, Arboneeld—a treatment that makes soft woods hard, reduces their natural tendency to warp, split, shrink and swell, resists rotting and termites; Parmone—a product of Grasselli Chemical which holds the fruit on trees; synthetic camphor, all types of dyes, and hundreds of other things are additional new products which Du Pont has contributed to Better Things for Better Living . . . through Chemistry.

All this is the result of research by a Company willing to spend time and money through the efforts of its hundreds of researchers working in numerous industrial laboratories.

POWER

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Ferguson who recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary!

We are glad to have Bill Guthrie back on the job after recovering from a recent operation.

Charlie Murray has become the Handicap Golf Champion of the Plant for 1945. Congratulations, Charlie!

Tom Cruise has developed a new technique of fox hunting with bird dogs.

Robert Clary, fireman first class, U. S. Navy, has returned to the States and expects to be back with us in the near future.

Welcome back to Ed Ferguson of the U. S. Navy.

By Guy Williams

POWER SERVICE

We were all glad to see Harold Justice who visited us while on furlough recently.

The blisters seen on Joe Davis' hands were caused by cleaning his lot on the Chatham Road where he intends building a home in the future.

I hear Bill Russell plans to do some rabbit hunting—that is, if he can find a gun some place.

We welcome "Red" Collins back after being on the sick list for several weeks.

Ross Yearout would still like to have the gang write him.

By Ellis Dodson

PURCHASING

It's useless to ask Ed Minnick's advice on a good place to go fishing 'cause he didn't catch a single fish the last time he went, that is, none to mention!

Ruth Nelson has been busy lately fixing up that apartment she and her husband have moved into. Wasn't she lucky to find one—the apartment we mean!!

Doesn't look like Imogene Davis' husband is going to get here in October. Maybe in November—I hope, I hope!

Elizabeth Smith seems to have a wonderful supply of flowers. Lately she's been wearing red roses, no less!

By Imogene Davis

PROCESS CONTROL

Welcome to the following new members of P. T. L.: Marie Prillaman, Evelyn Turner, Venie Whitlock, Audrey Hazelwood and Arlene Prillaman.

Janice Martin reports a delightful week-end spent in Norfolk visiting her husband who was in port after sea duty.

Could the visitor from Mississippi account for the radiant smile Mary Lib Floyd is wearing these days?

'Tis rumored that wedding bells will ring for Arlene Prillaman in the near future. How about it, Arlene?

We are glad to have Louis Kottmann back with us after his recent illness.

We are all wondering why Grace Prillaman is so anxious for Christmas to come around this year!

Is it true that Ada Cox spent the week-end at her home cooking dinner for a soldier?

We are glad to have Tolitha Dillon back after several days of illness.

Grace Hoyle's left hand certainly has been heavy lately.

George Ainsley was glad to see his brother, First Lieutenant R. M. Ainsley, who has recently spent a leave at home.

Margaret Russell attended the circus in Roanoke.

John Prillaman's hobby was trading cars, until after a recent trade. One of his neighbors was looking over the prize possession and said, "John, you certainly do have a nice set of seat covers."

By Ina Woodall

Dot Hensley

Marie Burpeau

CAFETERIA

We congratulate Gladys Shumate and Virginia Hairston on having celebrated their fourth anniversary with the Company.

The entire group welcomes Mildred Turner as its newest member.

Here's wishing Norene Hylton, a patient at Duke Hospital, a speedy recovery.

WE WONDER WHY . . .

Frances Wells likes salt in her coffee.

Mary Spehar is so ambitious she insists upon working on rest days.

Annie Hairfield is so often seen in Norfolk.

Gladys Shumate blushes when called to the telephone.

Janie Boaz knows exactly when a full moon will come around.

Gussie Price never fails to slow up when passing the guard house.

Virginia Hairston always feels her very best the final morning of graveyard.

Louvenia (Hairston) Betz appears so happy lately.

Estelle Stanley and husband recently purchased a new home on Figsboro Road. Now she's asking all her friends for seed catalogues and garden magazines.

We all enjoyed the recent visit of Lieutenant Catherine Marsh and Corporal Virginia Gilbert. Hope you gals will come again soon.

Effie Field, mother of M. H. S.'s Piney, went to see her first game of the season on October 26, when the local eleven played William Byrd. We can't decide which was the larger—the football or Effie's eyes.

ODE TO A COUNTER OPERATOR

(With apologies to the original author)

I wish I was a widdle egg

A way up in a twee:

I wish I was a widdle egg

As wotten as could be.

And when that mean ole counter opewator

She holler woud at me,

I'd spwash my widdle wotten self

And spwatter me on she.

—JACKIE BRYANT, "C" Shift

By Lennie Meredith, Mary Spehar

ACCOUNTING

Woman's Suffrage has taken on a new aspect under the able leadership of Mrs. Bottlesby—otherwise known as Thara.

Most of us get a thrill out of fairs, circuses and the like, but Virginia Snow must have really enjoyed that Leaksville Fair. She went every night!! Thinking of going on the road, Virginia?

In spite of the "occasional showers" the Time Office turned out for the Duke-Navy game. Mighty big campus—according to Emily!

Gay Leftwich and Pearl W. Martin couldn't make up their minds about going to the Gay Nineties. What finally happened, girls?

We actually heard Helen Draper raise her voice the other day. Could it be her new environment?

The circus in Roanoke certainly made a big hit with Vann Freeman which all goes to prove that not just children like 'em. How about it, Wilmer Noble? We heard the latter spent hours just watching the "——monkeys."

Ruth Gilbert has left us to go to Florida and raise . . . did you say oranges, Ruth?

"Yankee" seems to be going into the motion picture business. Hope you got some good shots at the game Saturday, "Yankee."

Most popular gal of the month is Helen Dickerson. Dates two nights in a row with different men in these man-shortage days!

Someone in the Mail Room has been eating bird seed. We hear that those cheery little notes coming from that Inner Sanctum are by the Young girl.

LITTLE THINGS THAT MAKE STENOGRAPHIC

INTERESTING:

Emilie Franklin's charm and humor.

Ruth Stultz's willingness to work.

Mary Holt Hill's secretive dates.

Clara Prillaman's eagerness when the Western Union machine rings.

Mattie Myers' "motherly" advice to us young 'uns.

Gladys Gray's plans for her G. I.'s return.

Jennie Gilbert's narrations on a "Week-End in Roanoke."

Blanche Ratcliffe's chicken sweater.

Mary Fitzgerald's vacation in New York.

Gladys Campbell's desire to get all work done—and in a hurry.

Lorna Taylor—the most recent addition to Stenographic.

We wish to welcome also Evelyn Turner in the Mail Room and Kathryn Draper in Order and Invoice.

By Dot Skeen

STORES

Buck Lambeth was very much disappointed in the circus at Roanoke on October 19, as the clowns still wore the same clothes they had on five years ago.

Maynard Layman is about to get his "castle in the air" on the ground.

The next time "Tiney" Stultz is in a minstrel we hope her costume will be fitted with suspenders.

Julian Taylor says the "know-it-all" who tells his fellow workers that safety shoes are too heavy and tire you out when you walk would walk a mile for a Camel, five miles for a beer and fifteen miles for a blonde.

Martha Weaver is still working hard and dreaming of the day her husband will come back to her.

We were glad to have Kay Chitwood visit us recently. Kay has just received her discharge from the WAVES.

We wonder if Phil Greek has decided to carry extra keys to all the doors of his home since Phil, Jr., locked himself in the bathroom.

Ovid Jordan is looking for a jeep and a large truck, as there is going to be some work to be done at his farm when springtime rolls around.

Everett Griffin thinks I am going to write something about him, but he'll be fooled, won't he?

David Wade, who spent nineteen months in the service, has an honorable discharge and a job in Stores. Good luck, Dave.

Jack Hill and Jess Dupee are going to draw straws to see who will use the automatic ice cream dipper. We think Jess will win!

Arthur (Little Boy) Dandridge's hair is growing back on his head since he quit worrying about tamping ties on the railroad.

By C. O. Pratt

MEDICAL

Lillian Martin informs us that they are now putting the roof onto her new home. Better see that it's put on real securely, Lillian, 'cause you never can tell when somebody's going to want to raise it!

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Blender Pup Says —

GIVE
THE NEW MAN
A FEW SAFETY
POINTERS



Transferred to Welfare and Recreation

Effective November 1, Harry Daughtry will become Welfare and Recreation Supervisor, replacing Ed McCormick, who is resigning his position with the Company to accept another position.

Welfare and Recreation work will not be new to Harry since he has previously served in this capacity in 1943. Since February, 1945, he worked as Safety Supervisor in the Safety Office.

Tribute to the Safety Supervisor

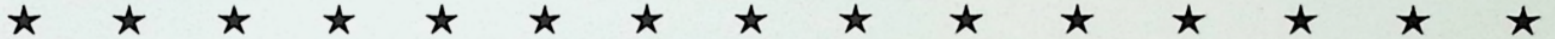
The following writeup was taken from the *Anti-Knock*, Du Pont Ethyl Magazine:

Safety Supervisor? That title seems strange and remote to many individuals when they have their first experiences in industrial plants. We come wondering about his duties and just how it is possible for him to keep busy all of the time doing nothing more than discussing and selling safety to the individuals of the plant. We wonder, at first, if his job is really important.

Then as the weeks go by and we become acquainted with the other folks on this particular production front, we find that the more service the individuals have the more respect they show for the life-saving work that the safety supervisor is leading. We begin to realize that safety is something tangible and good. It soon becomes a part of our lives both at home and on the job—a valuable part that saves us much suffering, loss of income, and inconvenience.

We learn that the safety supervisor does work that affects our lives as greatly as does the effort of any other man we know. We respect him for his conscientious, determined efforts to teach us to help ourselves. We realize that slowly—just as we accept advancing years—we put into practice the principles that he teaches. We don't stop before we use those principles and say: "I must do this safely, because the safety supervisor has shown me the hazards of doing it in an unsafe manner." No, we simply absorb safety a little at a time.

It is a strange thing, too, that sometimes we condemn the safety supervisor for his persistent efforts when we should feel "There is a man dedicated to the good of humanity, a man determined that other men shall not suffer needlessly. I shall heed and respect his efforts."



J. Roland Rhett—10 Years Service



Roland Rhett

After a year in the A. T. C., Roland returned to the Martinsville Plant as Shift Supervisor in the Polymer and Spinning Area. April, 1945, the Military Explosives Division, Indiana Ordnance Works, Charlestown, Ind., needed a Senior Supervisor in the stick powder area—so Roland left us again for "military service." When the war ended, he lost no time in getting back in the Nylon Division and was transferred back to the Martinsville Plant in September of this year as "D" Shift Supervisor, P. & S. Area.

Roland's experience with the Du Pont Company began in November, 1935, as a Spinning Room and Chemical Building operator at the Richmond Plant. Four years later, he was transferred to the Experimental Station, Wilmington, Del., to train as a Textile foreman in the Nylon Division. When the Seaford Plant started up operations, Roland was sent there as Textile foreman, later to become Textile Shift Supervisor.

FIVE-YEAR PIN



John Groet

As Special Investigator in the Employment Section (actually transferred as Shift Supervisor, Textile), Roland began his career on the Martinsville Plant.

Born a Yankee on September 26, 1911, in Garden City, Long Island, N. Y., Roland has spent most of his life in the Rebel country. He attended grammar schools in Bedford, Charlottesville, and Moorstown Friends School and studied for one year at the University of Virginia.

From 1930-1935, he was employed as counselor at Camp Glen Rockie, Abingdon, Va., and in September, 1934, kept a dormitory and ran the golf course for the Ashville School for Boys.

THE BLENDER extends congratulations to Roland on his past service and would like very much to see it continue.

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Grethel Miller is still working on this year's vacation. The last attempt was nipped in the bud by a couple of bugs who grabbed her by the throat and knocked her right off her feet. Well, there's still a month and a half to go yet!

What do you know? After I just finished saying that Dr. Dickerson was going to clean up the basement Saturday morning, he ups and moves. I really didn't think he'd go to that much trouble to avoid a little homework.

We are now working on a daily routine for Louise Compton, and a scheduled hour for her scrub in the tub. Lately every time the doorbell or the phone rings, Louise is busy chasing the soap in the bath tub.

All signs point toward something magnanimous happening in the vicinity of our reception room, but Hilma is still maintaining an innocent look and a very death-like silence. Maybe she'll break down and get a "permanent" yet!

By Marge Jacobs

PROTECTION

We didn't know that George Thomasson was a doctor, but we observed him taking a young lady's temperature the other day.

Ralph Hinton is now hanging up his hat at 214 Stewart Street. Congratulations on the new home, Ralph!

By The Sergeants

JANITORS

We learn that the car which Dana King wrecked several months ago has been repaired. Having been transferred to shift work, Dana decided it was better to ride by graveyards than to run past them.

Woodrow Grant has finally discovered the secret of making "Conquer" hair grease. His only problem now is why it removes the skin.

After attending a marriage over the weekend, Raymond Fontaine couldn't tell Martinsville from Washington, D. C., upon being awakened for work Monday morning. Raymond would have married the couple had the preacher been a few moments later arriving!

John Hylton, a new member to the Janitor group, agrees with Moyer Kellam that the hardest cross to bear is a double cross. We hope John and Moyer will not have to cross up again soon!

Our good friend, Walter Willis, who boasts of having more children than any other Janitor, is beginning to think living is largely a matter of settling up and settling down.

We extend a welcome to John Hylton, of Stores, and Floyd Fontaine, of the Garage, as new members to our group.

By The Sergeants

PROJECT ENGINEERING

The boat landed, Frank came ashore with his leave papers, Lucille Hodges takes a few days off, and "Crooner" Bill Carter is pinch hitting as a reporter.

We welcome Marvin Sayland to our group—Groet and Disney are advising him on the wrong way to do things!

Jim Brugh is now riding the bus to work from Rocky Mount. If someone dashes past you on your way to the parking lot, it's only "Flash" Brugh hurrying to get a seat behind the driver.

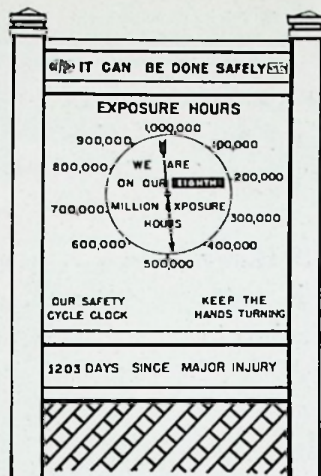
Cy Fraser is letting his chickens run loose now. The chickens have taken a liking to the food he feeds his dog and the dog seems to like the chicken feed; so, as long as things remain quiet, Cy will let well enough alone.

Waller Kuykendall and family went to Roanoke to see the circus. Bet Waller was funny.

Now that bowling season has started, Don Martin will probably break training and give the boys a helping hand.

Roy Bullington was unanimously elected captain of the bowling team.

For the lowdown on Paul Schuh's recent trip



to Wilmington, see Paul himself. We understand he's forgotten how to read exit signs.

By Bill Carter

METHODS AND STANDARDS

Jim Thomas said he had a grand time on his vacation in Alabama and we believe it after hearing about the delicious ham, fried chicken and barbecue.

We wonder what is keeping Ruth Gunter so happy these days. Surely it couldn't be the new permanent. Could it be that wire she received from the west coast?

With the winter season coming on, Hobson Sandidge is getting ready to go on his annual hunting trip!

A recent package from the Pacific has helped to perk up the spirits of one Sara Hardesty.

John Kirk says he is anxious for the bowling matches to get started this year.

The three R's are again being reviewed by Allen Jenkin with his son, Michael. We wonder who is having the most difficulty, father or son?

By Teresa Lanier

INSPECTION AND SHIPPING

THINGS ARE REALLY BEGINNING TO HAPPEN AROUND HERE . . .

Bea Clark's boy friend back in the States and her brother home.

Jerry Martin's beau home. Hadn't seen him in a little over two years.

Frances Mills' brother home from overseas. Miriam Nolen's fiance is in. Hadn't seen him in almost four years.

Doris Walker's friend is on his way home from the Pacific.

Marie Foster's friend is already home. Irma Belcher's brother-in-law is home. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Presidential Citation and Oak Leaf Cluster.

Oh, yes, Pat Hensley is really starting our bowling season off right—by polishing up the alley with a big fall first thing!

Ruth Stultz is mighty proud of the gifts her hubby sent her from France—French perfume, and stuff like that there, for the anniversary.

Jimmy Roden spent the week-end in Richmond and reported he bought twin beds for the spare bedroom!

We're so glad to have Grace Mills back with us after being out ill for quite some time, and welcome to Joe Petty, who served with the armed forces overseas and now is working in Shipping.

By Anonymous

TEXTILE MAINTENANCE

We are glad to have "Fats" Harris back with our group. "Fats" has been in the Navy for the past two years.

John and Bob Koger went to the circus last Friday night at Roanoke. The boys are wondering if their uncle owns controlling stock in this circus.

We understand Russ Pease is out of the

hospital and at his home in Reading, Mass.

We understand Ham Burgess has his discharge from the Army and will be back soon.

J. L. Kallam is now shift mechanic on "D" Shift. Good luck, Jimmie.

By Henry J. Duncan

P. & S. MAINTENANCE

T. P. Painter is rushing the season by buying a rocking chair for his front porch.

We all wish Bill Lehman a speedy recovery. It seems that rich food doesn't agree with Bill!

We welcome Cabel Gaudin to P. & S. Maintenance from Lubrication and Harry McGuire to Pump Repair Shop from Lubrication.

We would really like to know what kind of a spell Ed Wilson puts on with his Black Magic.

"Nimrod" McFadin, we understand, is going after elk this season as well as deer. We wonder if Archie will be home in time to help him line up the sights!

R. K. Cook was riding along the Blue Ridge Mountains singing "Happy Days are Here Again."

By P. S. Hutchens,
T. D. Alexander

SHOPS

One of the brighter moments—a visit from Lieutenant Dave Cunningham. He looks fine. Hurry back, Dave.

The tall and colorful tales of Andy Anderson have been greatly missed since he has been out sick.

Letters this month from Joe Stillwell, Bill Walton, Tom Philpott, Durham Newman and Ralph Canter, all doing fine in the Pacific.

The Shops welcome Glen Powell, John Vaughn and Charles DeShazo to Lubrication group.

Scotty May is trying to interest the Project Engineering boys in designing an automatic feeder for twins.

John Lockridge has moved into his new house on "Maintenance Row." Wonder if all the boys building homes there will have housewarmings!

Johnnie Cooper really wants to live on the road—he's building his new house smack in the middle of it!

Emmitt Hipes hopes to live long enough to finish painting the roof on the "Old Homestead." If he doesn't get a better rigging to work from, he probably won't!

By Hamp Dyches

LABORERS

We are glad to welcome George DeShazo to our group.

We hope Eliase DuBois is having a swell time on his vacation—he spent one week in Washington, D. C.

John Lewis is very sorry the squirrel season is going out and says the rabbit season can't come soon enough because of the meat shortage at his house!

By James King

Employee Suggestions Adopted

October, 1945

POLYMER AND SPINNING

James A. Souther
Leslie T. Jefferson
John C. Hubbard (2)
John W. Gaudin
Charlie L. Martin (2)
Reba W. Hancock
Carlin Roach

TEXTILE

M. Winifred Walker
Reva M. Altice
Opal M. Smith
Katherine H. Owens

POWER

Joe M. Dove
Wm. B. Guthrie
Henry O. Martin

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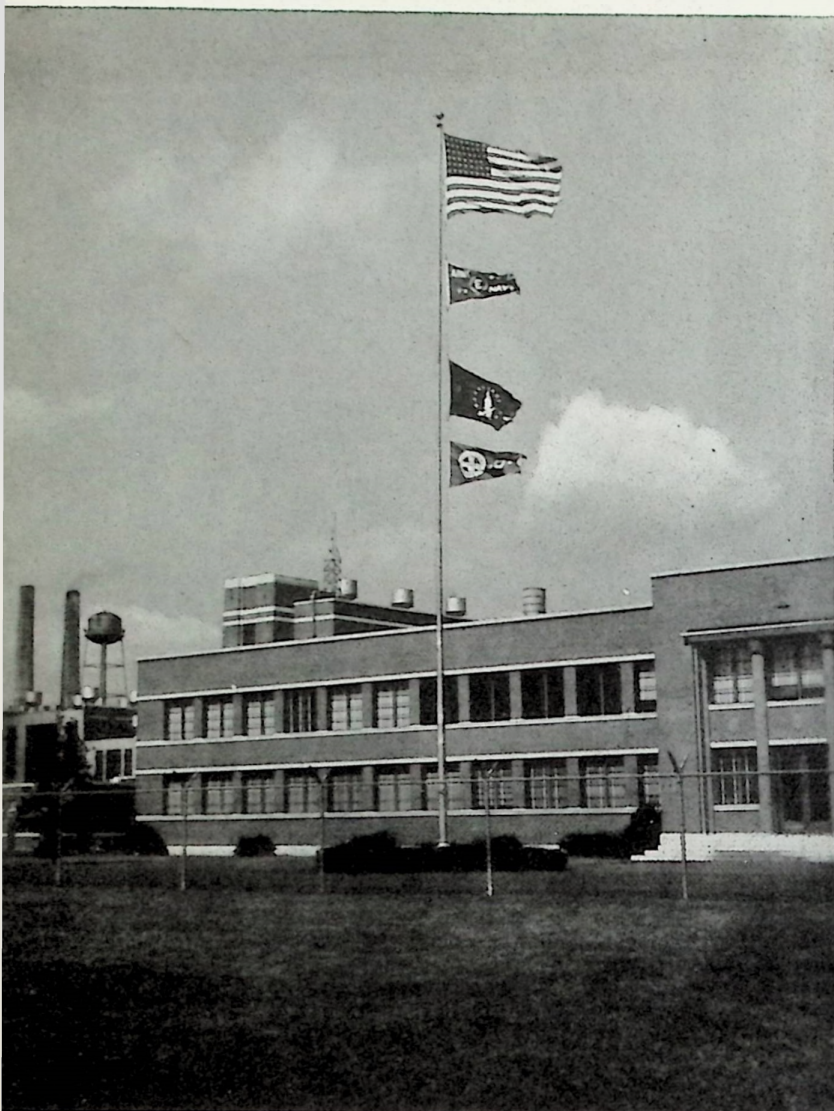
Harry B. Bradley

SCATTER SHOTS



1—How in the world did Sara Minter stop talking long enough for this picture to be taken? 2—Violet Ramsey looks a little amazed at the denier scale. 3—Nylon hose in the raw are being pushed along the production line by Frank Divers and John Gayle. 5—Gene Clay appears a little jittery while waiting for the phone call from No. 4, Marie Brown. 6—Can a certain Major be on his way home? Katherine Montgomery seems pretty happy!! 7—The scores from West Virginia's football games are a little hard for Bob Munchmeyer to find. 8—T. E. Jones tips his hat to the ladies. 9—Work seems to agree with Margaret Baughn. 10—From the grin on their faces, Bill Clifton and Vance Prillaman must have just returned from lunch.

War Effort Organization Discontinued



The photo at top left shows the achievement awards won by this plant in Production, Bond Buying, and Safety during the four years of war. We are, naturally, proud of these flags and the awards for which they stand; but we can say we didn't do all that work and buy all those Bonds just for the publicity or certificates of award we may get. We did it, first, because we wanted to—because we wanted to do our share as citizens of the greatest nation on earth. Second, we don't like to see a bully get the upper hand; we always want to help the under-dog. In this instance, the under-dog believed in and was fighting for the very same things we believe in: Freedom of speech, of worship; freedom from fear, from want; the belief that the individual supersedes the state. These and many other things are what we worked for, and now that the war is won, we will continue to work for a better world where people may live in peace—where wars will not happen, and where we as members of the Du Pont family will continue to give our contribution to that new and better world through our efforts toward "Better Things for Better Living . . . through Chemistry."



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You and Victory Bonds

For the past four years we have all been pretty close to the war and to the financing of the huge war debt. This has been so because each of us realized it was a case of necessity for our own benefit—our very existence was at stake. For the past four years we have bought War Bonds, we have saved our tin cans—our waste paper, we have done without the many luxuries we had always been used to. Why? Because we had to win—because the wolf was at the door and it was very much OUR door. But what is the story now?

Sure, the surrender papers have been signed—Germany and Japan have been occupied and will continue to be for some time to come, BUT—is the war actually over? The Congress thinks not, or at least it hasn't passed an act to that effect yet. The men in the Army of Occupation in Germany and Japan think not—as long as they aren't on their way home. The men in the hospitals

think not. This is where you and I come in. This is the part we have been playing for four years—helping to pay the cost. Now, we have a choice: we can continue our purchase of Victory Bonds and help prevent inflation, higher taxes, help take care of our wounded, and help pay the cost of the huge war debt. Or, we can cancel our bond purchases, use that money to help inflation on its way to dizzy heights by paying two prices for some things that maybe we can do without until things get back to normal, or we can forget about the boys in the hospitals and let the Government take care of them any way it can. We can let Uncle Sam feed and clothe and take care of the boys in Europe and Japan by himself, but don't forget the cost of all this will come from John Q. Public eventually, that's us. Which way would you rather have it? Do your part by keeping those deductions under the Payroll Savings Plan going.



New Books in Plant Library

Blueprint Reading and Sketching—THAYER. This text is designed to provide a thorough drill for beginning students who wish to acquire facility in sketching and an ability to interpret drawings. It has been planned to cover the principles of engineering drawing as an introduction to the study of typical blueprints common to the various branches of industrial production and building construction.

Plastics in the World of Tomorrow—LEYSON. That plastics are to play a steadily increasing and more important part in our life is not to be denied. The technological advances in this field have brought this industry,

within the brief period of the last ten years, to a position where it bids to become one of our most important.

To cover the subject of plastics completely is beyond the scope of any single volume. But the authentic and comprehensive general survey of the plastics field can be made in a single volume. That is the purpose of this book.

Big Business in a Democracy—ADAMS. This is the story of American "big business" from its beginning up to the present, with special emphasis on its record of superb achievement in World War II.



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Presented by the American Red Cross
May 20, 1945

Blender Receives Award

Each year the American Red Cross conducts a "Cover Contest" among employee publications who use Red Cross and its activities as the theme of their March issue cover. Each year, since 1943, THE BLENDER has entered this contest. This year our efforts were rewarded by receiving an award, duplicate of which is shown at left.

THE BLENDER is proud of this award and is gratified that its efforts aided in the accomplishment of the 1945 Red Cross War Fund Goal.



The Inspection and Shipping Area extend their wishes that all of you have a very Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years. We hope that everyone will, by continued safety consciousness, avoid injury during this best of all seasons.

The hazards are commonplace, yet they cause thousands of serious accidents each year. If you will remember to keep rolling toys off the stairs and out of the way; that the Christmas tree, while the very symbol of Christmas spirit, can be potentially hazardous; that children can and do get hurt with firecrackers, and that eggnog and driving make a dangerous combination, then you will greatly increase your chances of being happy in 1946. Merry Christmas!

Soldiers and Sailors

Captain Bott Returns from Pacific



Jim Bott

As a second lieutenant in the Reserve, Jim Bott was called to active duty with the Army in July, 1942. He was assigned to the Engineer Amphibian Command, stationed at Camp Edwards, Mass., for training in the operation and employment of landing craft (LCV's and LCM's) on Nantucket Sound. After the fourteen weeks here, Jim's outfit moved out to Fort Ord, Cal., preparatory to shipment overseas.

The unit left California, January 27, 1943, on board an Army transport, carrying all their equipment except the landing boats, bound for Australia. The trip across was uneventful and after 24 days at sea, they landed in Brisbane February 21, where the details of getting ready for action were worked out. After being equipped with landing boats, they moved out to Oro Bay in New Guinea,

where they helped in the unloading of ships (hauling supplies from ship to shore) and re-supplying Australians at Lae and Finchaven.

Jim's first actual contact with the Japs came at Saidor and Hollandia, where he participated in the initial landings as commander of a boat battalion, carrying troops and their supplies from the ships to shore. His promotion to first lieutenant came through while he was here. The toughest action happened two months later when his outfit hit the beach at Biak. It took six weeks to get control of the situation and Jim says he had more narrow escapes in this action than any other, only because he was shot at more times. (Every time he was shot at and not hit was a narrow escape.) By January, '45, Jim was in Leyte, in the Philippines, staging for future operations in the area. Also in January, he received his promotion to captain.

The operation at Cebu was Jim's last combat action and after a few weeks of carrying supplies to troops in neighboring islands, he left for the States and a 45-day leave prior to reassignment overseas. However, V-J Day came during the leave and Jim received his discharge at Fort Meade, September 23. He took over his original job as Production Control Supervisor November 1.

Major Jones Returns from Pacific



Ralph "Buster" Jones

Ralph "Buster" Jones was called into active service as a second lieutenant in the Army in July, 1942, and, along with Jim Bott, went to Camp Edwards, Mass., for training in amphibious warfare in Nantucket Sound. From Camp Edwards, "Buster" was sent to Fort Ord, Cal., which was a staging area for shipment of troops overseas. While here he received his promotion to first lieutenant and also carried on extensive training maneuvers in the surf at Monterey. On January 27, "Buster" and his outfit were loaded on board an Army transport, which was to be "home" for the next 24 days. They docked in Brisbane, Australia, setting up shop at Rockhampton until called to combat duty in New Guinea in July, 1943. "Buster" participated in the operations at Samaria and Oro Bay as company commander of "A" Boat Company, ferrying

supplies and troops from ships to the beaches. His company moved over to Finchaven and did a job of supplying the Australians there. He received his promotion to captain during this operation. In March, "Buster's" group drew the assignment to make the initial landings at Tamamerah to outflank the Japs who were holding up the advance at Wewak. Three separate landings were made in one morning at different locations along the beach; however, slight opposition was encountered and the landing was completed without too much trouble. In May, "Buster" landed troops at Toem-Sarmi and Wadke where heavy opposition was experienced, but nothing the Japs could do could keep the Yanks from carrying out the assignment—on the third attempt to land they went in to stay. "Buster's" third promotion, to major, came in September when he was appointed executive officer of the 542nd Boat Battalion. Right after this, he was taken ill and sent to Sidney on sick leave, but by January, '45, he was back on the job in the Philippines, unloading troops and supplies as beach

"Jack" Witherow — Sailor, Machinist

James C. Witherow was inducted into the U. S. Navy, April 8, 1944, at Camp Perry, Va., where he also received his boot training. On completion of "boot," Jack attended school at Gulfport, Miss., Richmond and San Diego, Cal. At San Diego, he joined an amphibious unit, training with them for a while in the technique of keeping the engines going under duress. At school, Jack took courses on the lathe and drill press, trained to operate and maintain Diesel engines. He was assigned to sea duty in December, '44, on board the troop transport, U. S. S. *Bergen*, carrying personnel and cargo from Pearl Harbor to Saipan and Eniwitok. The *Bergen* was scheduled to take part in the invasion of Okinawa, was loaded with troops and on the way, but one of the main bearings went bad so they put in at Saipan, unloaded personnel and cargo, and with a temporary bearing in place, made their way back to the Naval Base at Pearl Harbor for major repairs. This gave Jack 30 days to see the sights of the town and the Royal Hawaiian Hotel.

Jack's ship was chosen by the Army commander in charge of the area to bring back the first load of veterans on their way home for discharge under the point system. Jack figures he traveled over 100,000 miles over the South Pacific while in the Navy and all of it on the same ship. At one time, it would have been closer to home to have come back through the Suez Canal, England, etc.

While in the Navy, an old back injury began to bother Jack and as a result he was transferred to the U. S. Naval Hospital in Portsmouth where he was discharged, October 5, 1945, and is now back on the job in P. & S.

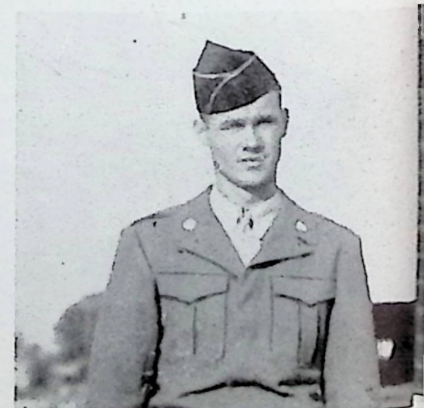
He has the American Campaign Ribbon and the Asiatic and Pacific Ribbons.



Jack Witherow

Jim Murphy Back to P. & S.

Although James Murphy expected to stay for the long haul when he was inducted into the Army last June, he found himself a civilian again by the first of November. During his five months in the Army, Jim managed to get in his basic training at Camp Croft, S. C., and was about to be assigned to the 35th Infantry Regiment when he found out he was eligible for discharge because of his four children. One week later, Jim was on his way home and is now back at work in P. & S.



Jim Murphy

control officer. From March to May, "Buster" participated in landings on Kapul, Biri, Saber, Dumaguite, Los Negros and Manderos Islands.

Major Jones left the Philippines May 17 by transport, bound for the United States. His discharge was effective October 5, 1945.

"Buster" has been transferred to the Nylon Planning Section in Wilmington.

He has the Asiatic and Pacific Theatre Ribbons with two stars; the Philippine Liberation with one star; the Legion of Merit, and the Presidential Unit Citation for the action on Wadke.

Turned Civilians

A "Scarlet Pimpernel" Comes Home



Bill Fowke

Bill Fowke, foreman in P. & S., enlisted in the A. A. F. in July, 1942, but was not called to active duty until March, 1943, when he was ordered to report for duty at the Nashville Reception Center. It took only a couple of days to be examined and classified, at the end of which Bill went on to Maxwell Field, Ala., to attend school in code, airplane terminology, physics, etc. In June, Bill moved on to Albany, Ga., for his primary flight training in what the Army called a PT-17, a Steerman two-seated biplane.

Bill received his commission at Albany, Ga., December, '43, and after a few more months training in B-17's and B-24's, he headed his B-24 for England in July, '44. His first assignment consisted of specialized

flying with the R. A. F. in a group known as "The Scarlet Pimpernels" (see *Reader's Digest*, November, '45). This consisted of night flying, dropping agents over enemy lines, picking up agents in enemy territory and any other job dangerous enough for the outfit. During the October dash across France by Patton and Hodges, Bill's outfit flew gasoline to the Army in an effort to keep them on the move. Here he wrecked a plane because it was so heavily loaded the bottom gave way when he hit the ground in landing with a load of gas.

Bill and his crew left England to fly to China to join the 14th A. A. F. where he flew for the O. S. S. (Office of Strategic Services), dropping personnel and supplies again behind enemy lines. His turn for State-side leave finally came and he left Calcutta by Navy transport August 29, arriving in New York September 26. He was discharged October 9, and is now back at work in P. & S.

Bill has the ETO with five stars, Asiatic and Pacific with one star, the Air Medal with two clusters, the D. F. C., and the Presidential Unit Citation.

Silver Star Winner Back



Charlie Davis

Little did Charlie Davis realize when he was inducted September, '43, that he would be picked for the Medical Corps and have to fight 25 months of war with a weapon no more dangerous than a hypo needle. But, sure enough when he reported at Camp Grant, Ill., he began 17 weeks of basic training as a medic. In March, 1944, Charlie left New York on the *Queen Mary* along with 15,000 other GI's for England, and from the time they left New York until they landed in Southampton, he didn't know what it was not to be seasick. After a couple of days, he boarded an Army transport for Omaha Beach, France, where he joined the Fourth Infantry Division of the First Army, which was right then making assaults on the enemy which resulted

in the break-through at St. Lo. When Charlie and the Yanks reached Paris, the city had practically been cleared of Nazis, so they moved on up to the Belgium border and hit the Siegfried Line on September 15, 1944.

In the operation at Mitri-Mary, France, just prior to the entry into Paris, Corporal Davis "set out across fire-swept terrain—administered first aid, moved on to other wounded men as shells pounded the ground about him. Even when shell fragments pierced his clothing, he continued to administer first aid . . . his prompt administration of aid saved the lives of at least four seriously wounded men." For his gallantry, he received the Silver Star. Charlie had his closest call during this same operation, a large shell hit the ground only three feet away, failed to explode and bounced on to explode some distance away. Only the fact that the shell failed to explode saved Charlie's life.

After the battle of Hurtgen Forest, Charlie's outfit was sent to the Luxembourg border for a rest but this rest did not materialize because the Nazi break-through happened at this time and his unit was called back into action. On January 29, while giving first aid to a fallen

Seabee Paul Willis Returns



Paul Willis

Paul Willis was inducted into the Navy, June 6, 1945. From that day on, Paul learned what it was to be a sailor. He was sent to Bainbridge, Md., June 7, 1945. After some routine, he was soon to learn that instead of a "unit puller," he was just another "boot"—quote Paul, "What a booting!" After a few days in the Navy, Paul found out that it is possible to survive with less than eight hours sleep out of twenty-four. After several weeks at Bainbridge, he was sent to Camp Endicott, R. I., on August 1, 1945. Here, after being graduated from the "boot" class, Seaman Willis decided to become a Seabee. Paul found this work very interesting and liked it. But the Admiral thought Paul would make a fine stevedore, so he was also lucky enough to get this training. Training completed, Paul soon found out what the west side of the good ole U. S. A. looks like. He also got a look at many states in between. The Navy finally got around to putting Paul to work at Port Huineme, Cal., where he helped load and unload ships. This work occupied much of Paul's time until he returned to Virginia on October 18, 1945. Seaman Second Class Willis received his discharge October 26, 1945, at Camp Shelton, Va.

Paul is back on the job in Polymer and Spinning as an operator on "C" Shift.

Back from CBI Theater

After leaving the Shipping Area on June 18, 1942, Fred enlisted in the Signal Corps, June 22, 1942, at Richmond, Va. After spending one week at Camp Lee, Va., where he received his first GI outfit, Fred was sent to Camp Pickett, Va., for his basic training and a month later he went to Camp Blanding, Fla., for advanced training. On February 15, 1943, he sailed from San Francisco, Cal., on an Army transport along with 8,000 troops and 400 nurses. The transport anchored at New Zealand for one day and upon arrival at Melbourne, Australia, the GI's were given a three-day liberty. On March 20, 1943, the ship dropped anchor at its destination, Bombay, India. Fred spent 20 months in the jungles of Burma with the Chinese Army, setting up communications for them. After leaving the jungles, he spent 10 months in New Delhi, India.



Fred Bryant

Sergeant Bryant sailed from Karachi, India, on October 3, 1945, and landed in New York City on October 23. With the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign ribbon with one bronze star, the Meritorious Service Award and the Good Conduct Medal to his credit, Sergeant Bryant received his discharge at Fort Meade, Md., on October 27, 1945.

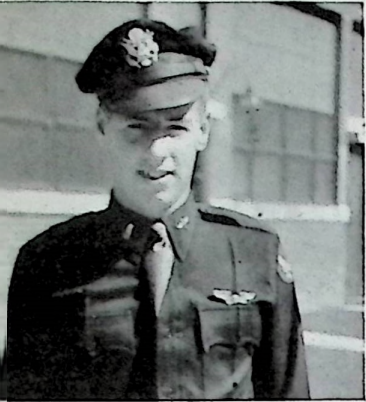
soldier, Charlie was wounded by a piece of shrapnel and eventually found himself in a hospital in England for treatment. He left England in May on the U. S. Hospital Ship *Arcadia*.

Charlie's final discharge became effective October 19, and he returned to work in Process Control November 13.

The Silver Star, the Bronze Star with Cluster and the Purple Heart have been awarded to Charlie, and he wears the ETO Ribbon with four stars.

Soldiers and Sailors Turned Civilians

Lieutenant Boyce Returns from ETO



Julian Boyce

After enlisting in the A. A. F. in May, '42, Julian trained at fields in Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia. After commissioning, he drew a B-24, four-engine assignment for additional training.

Lieutenant Boyce picked up his crew at Westover Field, Mass., and after a few weeks combat training at Chatham, Ga., they left in their B-24 in May, '44, for Italy by way of South America. The longest single hop was the 1,900 miles from Natal to Dakar. They joined the 376th Bomber Group at San Pancrais, Italy, on May 28, and on the 29th made their first bombing mission over enemy territory at the Hermann Goering Aircraft Plant in Weiner Neustadt, Austria. In running up a total of 50 combat missions, including Ploesti — 6 times; Vienna—7 times; Munich—4 times; Marseilles and other vital spots in enemy-

held territory, Julian had his plane shot up so badly one time that he could not make it back to base and had to bail out over the Adriatic. He was picked up very shortly, however, by the Air-Sea Rescue Service, little the worse for wear, and taken back to his base.

At the completion of 50 combat missions, Julian volunteered for air transport service, putting in 1,000 hours in C-47 ferrying personnel and supplies to all parts of Europe and Africa. He left Naples, September 2, on an Army transport bound for home, arriving in New York 16 days later. His discharge papers were signed November 9 in Greensboro and he again found himself a civilian. He is now back at work in the P. & S. Area.

Julian has the ETO Ribbon with nine battle stars, the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and a Presidential Unit Citation for a raid on a Bratislava oil refinery, June 16, 1944.

Communications Soldier — Harold Morgan



Harold Morgan

Private 1/c Harold Morgan began his experiences with the armed services with his induction at Camp Meade on January 31, 1943. His basic training came at Fort Bragg, N. C., after which he was shipped across country to Fort Sill to begin his training as a member of a communications company specializing in radio. While at Fort Bragg, Harold was attached to the 87th Infantry Division which held its maneuvers in Mississippi and Tennessee.

February 11, 1944, found Harold boarding the Liberty Ship *Anne Arundel* on his way to Bary Wales as a replacement, assigned to the 17th Observation Battalion, which was in training in England getting ready for the invasion of France. His most remembered experiences while in England were the air raids on London by the Nazis in the

winter of 1944. For the actual invasion of Normandy, Harold was assigned to a special communications battalion attached to an artillery unit, which, though it did not take part in the initial landing on the beaches, was one of the first artillery units to go into action in support of the infantry pushing ahead against heavy opposition. Although Harold and Charlie Davis were both attached to the First Army and both took part in the liberation of Paris, neither knew the other was anywhere around.

Harold's next job was driving a jeep for officers—he says that he even chauffeured a two-star general around for a while. At another time he and a lieutenant were riding down a country road at night and because of the darkness, ran into a group of Sherman tanks. Harold and the lieutenant were thrown clear of the wreck and made their way back to a camp. When they went back to the spot the next day, the jeep was a flattened piece of junk in the road where the tanks had passed over it. In addition to this jeep, Harold had three others shot out from under him during the fighting in France.

Harold came back to the States on the U. S. S. *George Washington* from Marseilles and received his discharge at Fort Bragg October 31. He wears the ETO Ribbon with five stars and the Good Conduct Medal.

"Grit" Fry — Minesweeper

From a clerk in the Records Group to a bridge-builder and minesweeper is a big jump since March 12, 1943, but with the aid of a tough top sergeant and by a lot of hard work, "Grit" Fry made the grade and after several months, reversed himself and now we find him back at work in the Cost Group. Corporal Fry sailed from Boston for England in October, '43, landing at Liverpool. The next four months saw much training in building bridges, etc., until the outfit sailed for France to land at Utah Beach, June 6, 1944, as a part of the Seventh Corps, First Army, under General Hodges. While loading parts of the bridges on trucks, "Grit" broke two fingers and was hospitalized about a month. On release from the hospital, he joined the 15th Engineers, Ninth Division, in Northern France, which was then advancing toward Belgium. His job consisted mostly of clearing mine fields to make way for the Infantry, which, says "Grit," "is pretty ticklish business." The Ninth was all set to cross the Ruhr when the Battle of the Bulge began, forcing them to be pulled back to near Eupen to defensive positions at the northern hinge of the Bulge. As the situation began to again come under Allied control, the Ninth advanced on into Germany to Dessau, some 60 miles south of Berlin, where it went into bivouac as a part of the Occupation Forces of the Third Army.

Because of high-point scores, "Grit" and others were transferred to the Tenth Armored on September 5, which was scheduled to come home. He left Marseilles October 12, landing at Newport News, October 23. He was discharged October 30 and reported back for work December 3. "Grit" wears the ETO Ribbon with five stars and the Presidential Unit Citation.



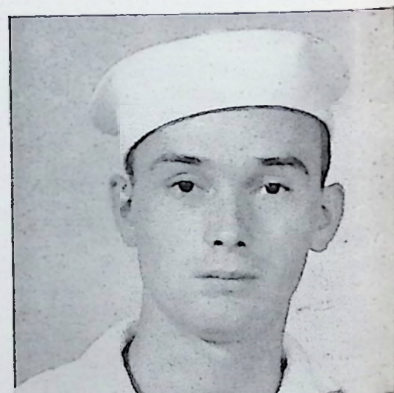
"Grit" Fry

Seabee Comes Home

Graham Barker left his job on "B" Shift, P. & S., and enlisted in the Navy on May 20, 1942. He was transferred to the construction battalion and received a month of basic training at Norfolk, Va. From there, he was sent to California where he received six weeks of advanced training. Graham sailed from California on a cargo ship, *Island Male*, along with 18,000 troops. His outfit, the 15th N. C. B., consisted of 1,000 men and 800 aviation maintenance men. On October 15, 1942, the *Island Male* landed at Esperito Santo, New Hebrides, and the Seabees began their work. After 14 months of hard work, Graham's outfit had completed three bomber strips, two fighter strips and 200 miles of road. In December, 1943, the outfit sailed to New Zealand for a rest. On Christmas of that year, Seabee Barker spent his time swimming and fishing.

January 12, 1944, Graham found himself in the Russell Islands. The first job here was on Beneka where the Seabees built one fighter strip and 100 miles of road in two months. From Beneka, they sailed to the Green Islands for a 30-day job of laying a bomber strip, two fighter strips and 50 miles of road. On April 1, 1944, the 15th Battalion landed at Pavauv where they set up a complete Marine base for the First Marine Division. Two months later when this job was completed, Graham's outfit went back to Beneka to maintain the bomber and fighter strip and to build 50 more miles of road.

On August 11, 1944, Boatswain Mate Second Class Barker found himself aboard ship for another trip. But this time it was to the U. S. A. He landed in Camp Parks, Cal., in October and was given a well-earned 30-day leave. He reported back to Camp Endicott, R. I., and from there he traveled back to Camp Parks, Cal. On arrival at Camp Parks, Graham was stricken with malaria and his battalion sailed without him. Boatswain's Mate Second Class Barker spent the remainder of his time in the Seabees at Camp Parks in a ship's company until he received his discharge on October 16, 1945, and reported back to work.



Graham Barker



PROCESS CONTROL

We will miss Margaret Russell, who has recently been transferred to Technical.

Katherine Wright's husband went hunting recently and killed six rabbits.

Myrtle Rutledge and daughter attended a chicken fry in Leaksville on November 21, and stated that they had plenty of chicken.

Mr. "L" and George Ainsley reported a nice, quiet Thanksgiving spent at home with their families.

JUST PITCHING IN A FEW REQUESTS ON THE SIDE . . .

Mrs. Milton Hensley, the former Lovelene Bowling, would like to have a cottage for two after the Florida honeymoon.

Courtney Adams wishes his house would enlarge when his family does.

Charlie Davis wishes the Army would dish out houses with discharge buttons. Glad Charlie is back, house or no house!

Grace Hoyle wants that wedding date to arrive—but quick!

Grace Prillaman wishes love wasn't so complicated; Nell Stanley adds her ditto.

We want to welcome Lucille Durham and Ethel Clements to P. T. Lab.

Janice Martin looks very happy these days. Her sailor husband was on leave recently, and she hopes he will be home to stay by Christmas.

This time it was for Arlene Prillaman that wedding bells rang.

By Audrey Hazelwood
Myrtle Rutledge

STORES

Julian Taylor says he is going to give his girl friend the one and only Christmas gift this year—you would never guess what it is, so I may as well tell you—Julian Gordon "Tadpole" Taylor himself, the one and only. He has confirmed the date as December 22d.

Harvey Beauchamp brought home proof that he (we) shot a deer on his recent hunting trip in Bath County. Nice shooting, Beach.

Buck Lambeth is spending a quiet two weeks in Cafeteria Stores while Roy Jones is relaxing at home taking on additional duties as a father. Congratulations, Roy!

Everett Griffin must have been out hunting because he came in to work one morning saying, "Look at them wags on that wabbit!"

We now know that no man is perfect, not even Howard Turner, the most perfect of all men (on books) in the Store Room.

Welcome home to Dick Culbertson and "Genus" Lanier.

By C. O. Pratt

METHODS AND STANDARDS

"Buster" Jones returned from the Army recently, only long enough to say "Hello! Goodbye!" Good luck in Wilmington, "Buster."

All of us are looking forward to the possible visit of Lieutenant (j. g.) Charlie Russell in December.

Wilmington, Del., has its attractions—Dick Heller took some movies at the Experimental Station and Allen Jenkin spent Thanksgiving there.

Kemp Langhorne vacationed in the hills of West Virginia hunting grouse and turkeys.

Hunting season is here, and we find H. H. Sandidge vacationing in Eastern Carolina.

By Teresa Lanier

SHIPPING AND INSPECTION

If there's a change in Ruth Terrel's figure, it's all due to this new exercise.

Gloris Vaughn, don't you know a fellow can't talk to you when marching in ranks, but what've you got to worry about—he winked, didn't he?

Miriam Nolen and Katherine Hawley are both sporting new diamond rings.

Gillie Haynes, will you please have some brakes put on that A-model? Yes, I know you don't drive it often, but Evelyn Gregory rides with you on Saturdays and she's a good inspectress.

George Smith was seen escorting that cute little brunette to the lecture.

Mamie Cundiff is the proud owner of highest individual game in bowling thus far.

By Claudine Martin

TEXTILE

"A" SHIFT

Evelyn Gauldin, Cevera Martin and Thelma Riggs are back at work after being on the sick list. . . Mildred Finney drives to Henry every day just to see the home folks. . . Lucy Jones is enjoying life once again since Bruce came home. . . Winifred Walker and Irene Martin telling how it feels to be seasick. . . Vivian Clark's husband is home from the Navy. . . Evelyn Gauldin and Lorene Fleming have been transferred to P. & S. . . Pauline and Mildred Gardner's brother, Bill, has returned home after 38 months overseas. . . Eva Hatcher has been receiving mysterious telephone calls. . . Marie Smith will be glad when summer comes so she can wear the grass skirt she received recently.

By Reva Altice

"B" SHIFT

We welcome Mae Bryant, Lena Roach, Estelle Martin and Lola Martin to "B" Shift. "Happy days are here again" for Sula Hylton, Evelyn Slaughter and Viola Davis—their husbands are home!

We are glad to have Nell Ramsey back with us after a tonsillectomy.

Glad to have Goldie Harris, Evelyn Bocock, Lillie Peters and Ilene Harmon back after a "spell" of sickness.

Opal Smith is all smiles again since her husband is home on furlough.

We miss Buck Marshall, who has been transferred to Days.

'Tis rumored wedding bells will be ringing soon for Macel Martin.

Frances Hodges is disappointed again over her husband missing the boat.

Since Lessie Gregory's boy friend is home, we wonder when those wedding bells will be ringing!

Odessa Boyd doesn't know how to act with those nylons on.

By Louise McGuire

"C" SHIFT

Wanted! Girls at the bowling alley—not to set up pins but to bowl each Monday night at 7:00 p. m. Come one, come all!

Irene Hylton looks awfully sleepy at times. Her boy friend is home after four years overseas.

Telegram! Good news for Glendola Turner—her boy friend has landed in the States.

Opal McBride and Cassie Robertson are very happy to have their brothers home on furlough.

Seems as if Louise Joyce will have to practice driving more often. As she turned the curve she lost Esther Moore—better watch out, Louise, you might lose the wrong person sometime.

We are glad to have four new girls on our shift: Arlene Underwood, Odessa Turner, Opal Stowe and Gladys Morrison, and also Forelady Lavila Dobson.

By Becky Gunn

"D" SHIFT

My! My! Weddings! Weddings! Weddings! Ona Rorrer changed her name to Mrs. Gover; Eileen Quesinberry will be called Mrs. Hubbard; Lois Moore is now Mrs. Akers, and Lena Bishop is Mrs. Fulp. Congratulations, girls!

Glad to have "Dee" Colvin back on the scales after a month of relief work in the Denier room.

Welcome to our shift: Peggy Martin, Violet Harrison and Virginia Wilkinson!

We wish Hazeltine Young, Sherlie Cox, and Kate Manning a speedy recovery.

Frances Stanley says housekeeping is just fine with that sailor husband home with his honorable discharge.

Myra Johnson is captain of "D" Shift bowling team and Nora Williams surely is making a shine with high scores.

You should have seen the expression on Ruby Hilton's face when she got a telephone call to come to the Police Department! (She had lost a war bond.)

By Evelyn Norman

Blender Pup Says —

A LITTLE CUT
IS A BIG OPENING
FOR A
BLOOD POISON
BUG



Safety
Suggestions
Adopted

November, 1945

POWER
C. J. Cunningham
J. O. Holland
James R. Gauldin

POLYMER AND
SPINNING

Syl V. Pritchard
John F. Floyd
German Shields

MAINTENANCE
Patrick H. Tomlin
G. D. Prillaman
James R. Plaster

DAYS

Margaret Parcell and Eunice McCubbins have good reasons for being happy—their husbands are home for good.

Have you seen that sparkle on Elsie Murphy's left hand, third finger?

Congratulations to Theresa Critz on her third wedding anniversary on November 19th.

Sallie Jones is wishing for colder weather so she can wear that new fur coat.

It seems Lovelene Frith was the center of attraction at the Halloween Dance.

Ruth Spencer's husband is home again. Is it for keeps this time, Ruth?

We welcome Kathleen Owens to Days.

It seems every month another girl changes her name—Jewell Ellis is now Mrs. Raymond McMillan. Best wishes, Jewell.

We welcome Lucille Rogers, Nadine Schwark, Alma Webster and Thelma Marshall to our area.

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DU PONT

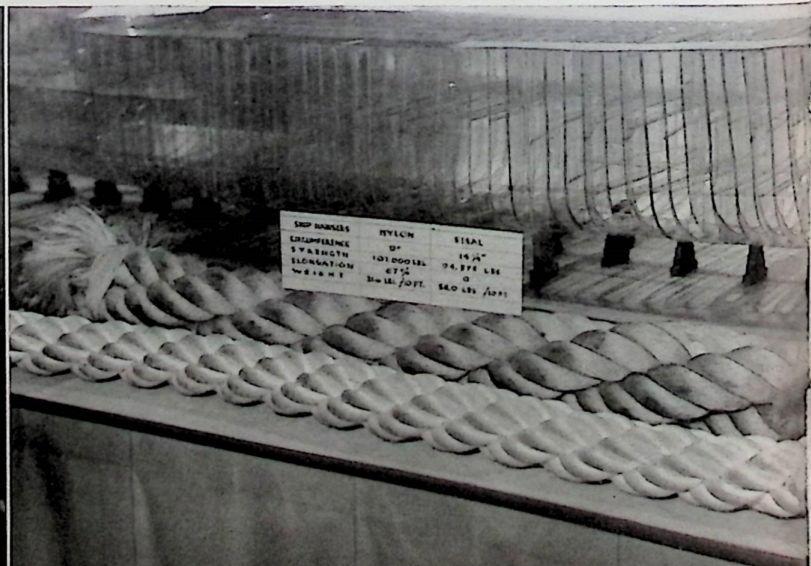
Du Pont in the war effort

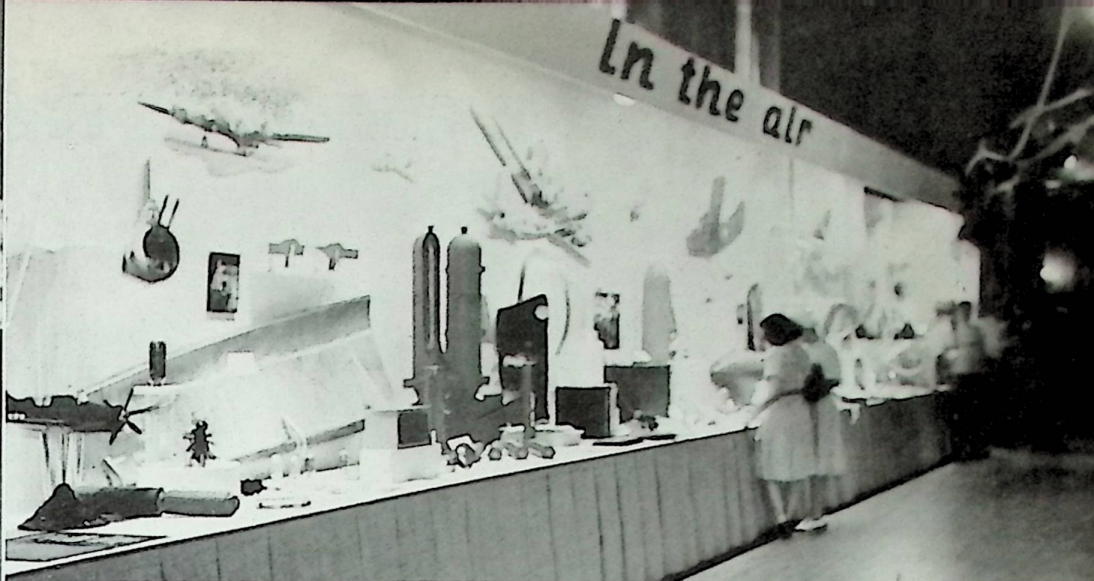
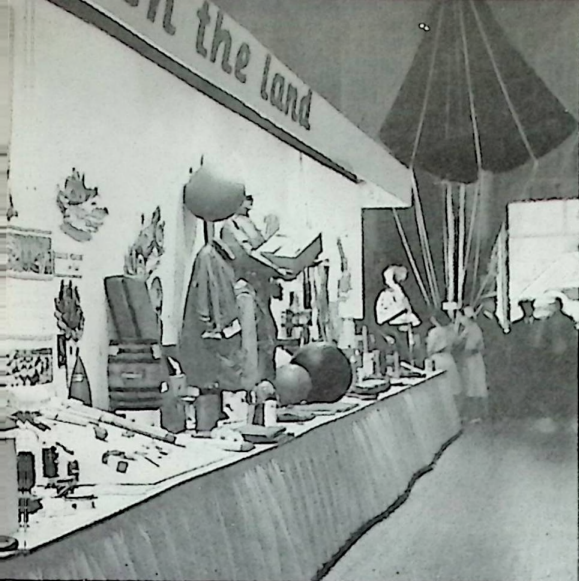


Du Pont in t

It is natural that in time of war, the Du Pont Company should contribute materially to the requirements of the armed forces, since during peacetime the DuPont name appears on so many items we see and use in our daily lives. But, here for the first time, we show a few pictures of a recent exhibit in the Du Pont Hotel of the part Du Pont and Du Pont products played in the war. It is interesting to note that approximately 60% of the articles shown in this huge exhibit were all or partially made with nylon.

Seldom, if ever, has the public seen, in a single room, so many chemical products in their final usable form—not stuff in bottles, but airplane tires, storm suits, tents and hammocks, waterproof signal lights, compass housings, plastic windows, tray films, smoke without fire, sponges that hold gasoline but not water. A number of the items in the exhibit, which was arranged by the Du Pont Advertising Department, have until very recently been on the “classified” list and were displayed for the first time.



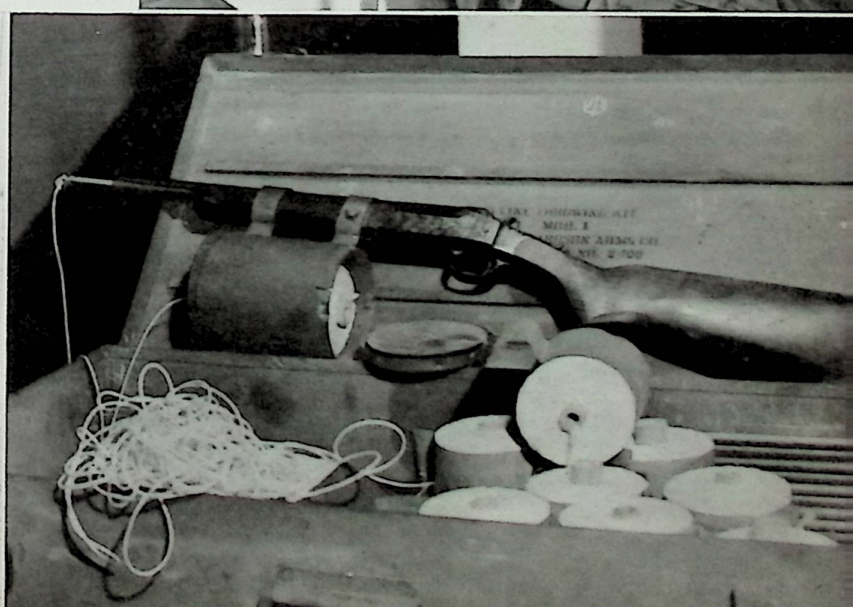
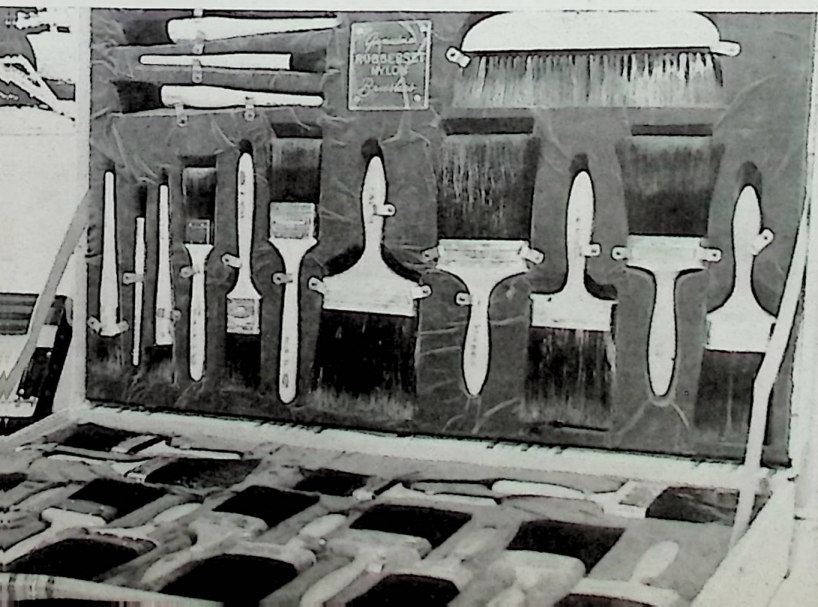


War Effort

The bridge pontoon, bulkiest item in the show, is made of neoprene-coated fabric and is 33½ feet long by nine feet wide. With the extra center portion, the pontoon will support a weight of 18 tons. Hundreds of them were used by the Army engineers in throwing bridges across the Rhine at Remagen and other invasion points last spring.

More than 500 pounds of nylon cord is contained in the giant military tire that was displayed, or enough to make 11,000 pairs of women's hosiery. The tire tread is 44 inches across. Its weight—1,500 pounds.

The big, pneumatic lifting bag for jacking up B-29 bombers or other planes that have become bogged down in soft or swampy landing places is also made of neoprene-coated fabric. The bag, five feet square, is about six inches thick when deflated. Inflated, it rises to a height of five or six feet and each bag has a lifting capacity of twelve tons. A deflated bag may be placed under each wing and then inflated to the height necessary to free the plane.



George W. Clemens---15 Years Service

George started with Du Pont in April, 1930, as an elevator repair and maintenance man in the Wilmington Main Office Building. After almost eleven years of service there, George was transferred, in March, '41, to Martinsville Construction. As this plant neared completion, he went up to Seaford to train in the Electrical Heating Operations, and then in September, came back to the Martinsville Plant on Operations.

Before coming with this Company, George had his first job with the Pennsylvania Railroad Shops in Wilmington. Later on, with a desire to see the world, he joined the Navy as an electrician's mate second class and traveled about two-thirds the way around the world on the battleship *Colorado*. After four years of service, he was released from the Navy in 1926, but still having "sea-legs," George enlisted in the Coast Guards in 1927 for another two years.



George Clemens

In July, 1944, George interrupted his service with the Company to start his second hitch with the Navy. This time he was in for a year and three months and received his discharge on October 11, 1945. George rejoined the Martinsville Plant October 20, to better his 15-year record.

George, born July 23, 1903, in Wilmington, Del., spent most of his early days attending the Wilmington Public Schools. While in the Navy, he graduated from the Naval Electrical School at Hampton Roads, Va.

Elva M. Asay became Mrs. Clemens on June 25, 1930.

Woodworking is George's hobby but he hasn't made anything in particular —just tinkers around fixing up household gadgets. His wife's version of what he does is that he only "makes dirt and noise."

THE BLENDER extends congratulations to George on his long Company service! !



The Candy Bar That Floated Home

Somebody found it on the beach, just above high-water mark, where a breaker had tossed it. It was a candy bar that had floated ashore—a ration "D" candy bar supplied to American troops. Nobody will ever know just how it got there; whether it was lost when a ship went down, or happened to fall overboard. Nobody knows just how long it was in the water either . . . perhaps months . . . perhaps a year. But that candy bar has an honored place in a collection of outstanding performance records of DU PONT materials in the war, for the inner wrapping of the box that contained it is of DU PONT Cellophane. And, after its long exposure to salt water and sunshine, the candy is still good.

Until the last day of the war, most of the Cellophane the DU PONT COMPANY could make was needed by the Army and Navy. The protection job done by Cellophane during the war was measured in square miles of shimmering, tough film. Food, metal parts, guns and a thousand other things were protected either by Cellophane alone or by Cellophane laminated with papers and metal foils. On a huge scale, the war was a demonstration that—for many protection jobs—nothing was so well suited as this sparkling, transparent film.

Now—so rapidly is reconversion moving ahead—Cellophane is already back again on many peacetime products. More and more cigarettes are again being kept fresh in Cellophane-covered packages; baked goods, too—delicious as when they came out of the oven, thanks to this thin, clear, moisture-proof film that keeps them fresh, not to mention the many other products you used to buy in Cellophane before the war.

Cellophane has come a long way in the past twenty-odd years. As DU PONT technical and manufacturing skill has brought the price lower and lower, more and more manufacturers have packaged their products in it. Getting along without Cellophane, during the war, demonstrated to many people how thoroughly they had come to rely on it. For Cellophane is the wrapping material which shows what it protects.

Today and in the future, whether they are buying tomatoes or nylon stockings, candy or cigars, more and more people will buy products that smile a friendly greeting through transparent, protective Cellophane, one of the DU PONT COMPANY'S—

BETTER THINGS FOR BETTER LIVING . . .
THROUGH CHEMISTRY



Will You Help?

The Victory Clothing Collection appeal to the people of America will be made during January. We here in the United States have no idea what it means to be without shoes to keep our feet off the ground; we don't really know the meaning of the word "destitute." By this Christmas, there will be over 25 million people who have received clothing from the American people but 25 million is a small percentage of the total need. There are 200 million needy people in China alone.

These people are not asking for Utopia—only the serviceable things like your old coat, even if it has frayed edges or the baby blankets long stored away—anything which will keep people warm and protect them from the weather. The clothes which are hanging useless in your closet will mean the difference between despair and renewed faith.

If you have clothing to give, get in touch with the local Victory Clothing Collection Committee.

FIVE-YEAR PINS



Elizabeth Smith
Purchasing



Harry Daughtry
Welfare and Recreation



Imogene Davis
Purchasing



Paul Hutchens
Maintenance



James Wingfield
Protection



Dexter Anderson
Maintenance



George Branham
Employment



Gladys Gray
Stenographer



Wray Smith
Power



Frances Richardson
Medical



George Thomason
Protection



Julius Coats
P. & S.



Lloyd Swain
Power



Louise Compton
Medical



Fred Critz
Protection



O'Neal Crouch
Fire Marshal



Thaddeus Jones
Protection



Cyril Fraser
Proj. Eng.



Delbert Palmer
Protection



Clarence Taylor
Maintenance



Howard Turner
Stores



Clarence Vernon
Prod. Cont.
Eleven



William Fowke
P. & S.



Kathryn Garst
Stores

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It seems that wedding bells will ring soon for Sarah Shelor—she is sporting a new diamond. We are happy for you, Sarah!

We are glad to have Thelma Morris back with us after being out sick for sometime.

Maude Fulcher seems to be all smiles these days—her boy friend will be home to stay soon.

Gloria Bishop is glad shoes are not rationed now, since David sold his car.

By Codell Jones
Sarah Hazelwood
Pauline Yates

PRODUCTION CONTROL

If the people around the plant have noticed the frowns on our faces, you have perhaps guessed the news by now. Paul Jenkins has decided to return to the good, ole "Yankee" land. Our best wishes go with you, Paul.

But then, there are compensations! It is indeed a great pleasure to welcome Jim Bott back as Production Control Supervisor.

Flash! Have you heard the latest? Vivian Nale's heart missed a beat when she received a certain telephone call.

Mabel, I betcha we can guess in three guesses why all the smiles these days and the first two don't count. Could it be that you are expecting your "Johnny to come marching home"?

By Hattie Cook

POWER SERVICE

Congratulations to the Charlie Butchers on the arrival of a new baby girl. Charlie reports that he is doing the "swing shift" duties!

Ellis Dodson says he makes very good pork sausage. How about some samples?

We hear that Paul Campbell has been dabbling in real estate on the side. Is that right, Paul?

Don McCullough seems to have trouble keeping valuable papers and reports out of the vertical file.

We all thought that Joe Davis had no respect for superstition when he planted thirteen trees in his orchard, but already the rabbits have eliminated the unlucky number!

Joe Dove has two of the trickiest rabbit traps ever built. In fact, they are so tricky that even the rabbits stay away from them!

Jack Lucas and C. R. Carmichael are both building new homes. There's a race between them now to see who gets that last piece of building material.

By Earl Collins

TECHNICAL

Jon Carriel going into ecstasy over the leaflet showing the new Culver planes.

Frank Pollock is working night after night on his banquet table. Maybe he's planning a big Christmas party.

Bill Wood is looking forward to a week's vacation around Christmas and who wouldn't!

Marge Russell is wearing dark glasses with the same old alibi except it was two doors instead of one.

Don Jacobs believes the Army has a good football team after the Army-Penn game.

Bill Woodruff and wife winning a prize for costumes at the dance.

By Marge Russell

POWER

Abe Eisen was all smiles while passing out cigars recently upon the arrival of a new daughter.

Ralph Doolin has acquired a sudden interest in basket ball. We wonder if that is his only reason for going to Stuart so often!

Irvin Locke was unanimously elected for K. P. duty on "A" Shift for five consecutive nights and is now advocating a revised procedure for dishwashing.

We enjoyed the recent visit of Robert Clary,

F. 1/c, U. S. Navy, who is now a patient at the U. S. Naval Convalescent Hospital, Asbury Park, N. J.

Norman Mahon reports a very successful deer hunting trip recently.

Larry Hammock appears to have many friends in the Main Office. Could it be due to those beautiful roses he has been bringing to work?

By Guy Williams

Employee Suggestions Adopted

November, 1945

POLYMER AND SPINNING	MANUFACTURING AND ALL OTHERS
German Shields (3)	Juanita I. Ramsey
Benjamin W. Gardner	
Morton H. Robertson	POWER
Robert T. Price	William B. Guthrie
Rufus W. Joyce	J. O. Holland
Morton Wyatt	TEXTILE AREA
Vance Prillaman	Gracie C. O'Dell
John Floyd	Helen Stanley
J. C. Pratt	
Paul J. Priddy	ACCOUNTING
James A. Souther	Rachul L. Montgomery
PROCESS CONTROL	
Florence E. Wyatt	INSPECTION
	PACKING
SERVICE	AND SHIPPING
Martha Weaver (2)	Claudine Martin
E. F. Griffin	

PERSONNEL

DEAR SANTA:

The Personnel Section has been very good this year, so please be nice to us—Harry Daughtry would like a Men and Girls Plant basket ball team; Doris Holland, some seat covers for her new Buick; Sherlie Thomas is getting a husband; Bill Randolph doesn't want any more fever blisters; George Branham wants more prizes from those contests he plans to enter; Harry Beach wants a chess partner; Toddy Young wants more week-end parties; Marvin Lentz wants some cattle to range on his "estate" (three acres); Santa, bring Martha her Thanksgiving visitor back; Ralph Scott needs some roller skates to quicken his pace to Medical with those returning veterans; Frannie Hampton doesn't know what she wants but lots of pretty things will satisfy her; Buzz just wants to be "in tune." And, Santa, please bring Irvin and Tarleton back soon.

By Jean Critz

MAINTENANCE

P. & S. MAINTENANCE

Born to Bob and Mrs. Cook on November 18th, a nine-pound baby girl. Congratulations!

Believe it or not! We understand Fred Bostick has or knows where there is a well from which he can draw seven different kinds of water.

We wish Ann Nelson a speedy recovery from her recent illness.

Anyone having any hound dogs to be trained, get in touch with Harry McGuire. It seems he knows his coon dogs very well.

Jack Moses is helping the housing situation by building a subdivision.

By Paul Hutchens
T. D. Alexander

SHOPS

Jim Mullins and Jim Holley traveled a hundred miles to hunt birds, but forgot to take the salt and the butterfly net.

Scotty May is still waiting impatiently for those promised rabbits to make a HASEN-PFEFFER. For full description and recipe, see the old maestro himself.

Ernie Colburn has moved into his new home on Loch Street. He transplanted his flowers first so it would look like home when he got there.

Dick Miller returned from that deer hunt, as was expected, minus a shirt tail. The deer, he complains, just wouldn't hold still.

Charlie Steele is now a full-fledged flier, but will admit, if cornered, that the good, solid ground under your feet doesn't feel half bad.

If Arthur Hundley's hogs are as big as he says they are, the pork shortage will soon be over.

By Hamp Dyches

TEXTILE MAINTENANCE

We are very glad to have "Ham" Burgess back with us from the Army.

This is for the information of those who have been wondering why Louie Slagle's nose and chin have been closer together a few days this month. Louie says, "I have been having my teeth recapped." We surely hope they did a good job, Louie.

Marvin Rankin sure must have been in a hurry to get home from Roanoke on his trip—he came off and left his pocketbook in a hotel!

We're wondering why Noel Wood is fixing up the upstairs of his home?

Bob Koger is now on his vacation, and from the way he talks, there will be plenty of wood at his house for this winter.

By Henry Duncan

GARAGE

We are glad to welcome William Gravely and William Patterson to our group.

Henry Carter has returned from his vacation. He said he had a wonderful time and wishes it had been three weeks instead of two.

By James King

CAFETERIA

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery for those who are out because of illness—Peg White, Ruth Yearout, Norene Hylton and Maggie Davis.

We welcome to our group Sue Pierce, Lucille Nowlin and Nancy Holder.

"Look thou up and not down," is Virginia Harris' motto for distance-seeing these days. (Grandma's wearing bifocals!)

Poor Margaret Chaney is so distressed of late! Her husband, Harry, will surely sue for a divorce if he ever makes a trip from Norfolk for a week and finds she is working "graveyard."

We were really surprised at seeing Alice Tudor again after having such a wonderful trip vacationing in the Great Smoky Mountains and catching the Missouri-Nebraska and Tennessee-North Carolina football games!

A recent Cafeteria observation: Why, oh, why was Annie's face so red upon watching Wes Shumate examine those nylon hose?

We are glad to have Lula Hairston back with us after a recent tonsillectomy.

We don't blame Clarence Gravely for taking off last week-end for Charleston, W. Va., to visit his daughter who is in college there.

"Teeny" Anglin has already begun her holiday parties!

By Lennie Meredith

ACCOUNTING

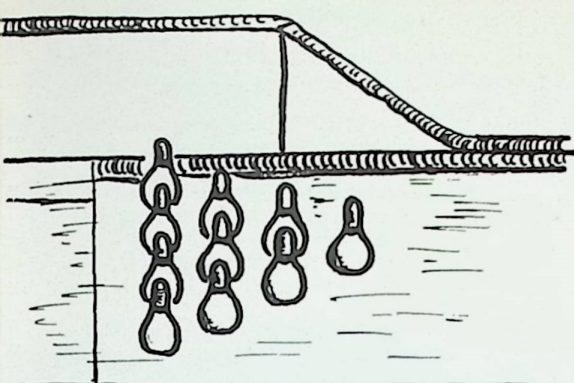
Sara Minter is all smiles these days—both brothers are home with discharges!

Henry Winters spent his vacation hunting and actually got some birds. He also had a birthday while he was gone but the Time Office got their cake just the same!

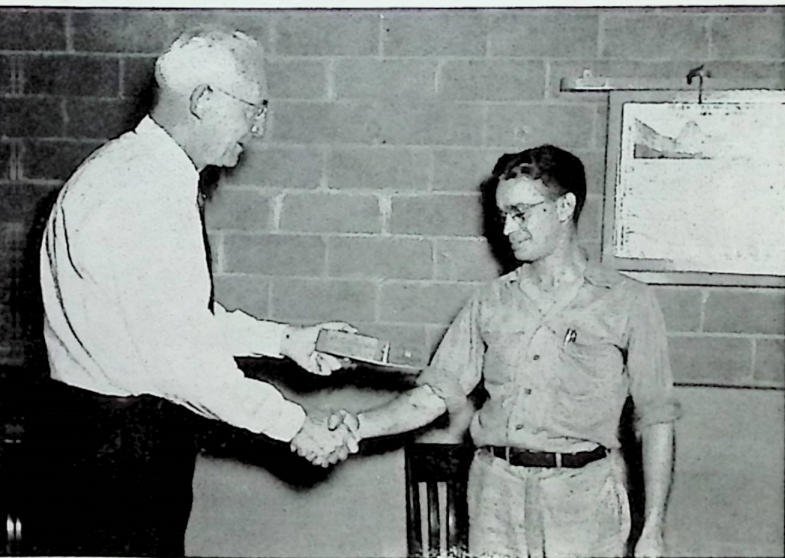
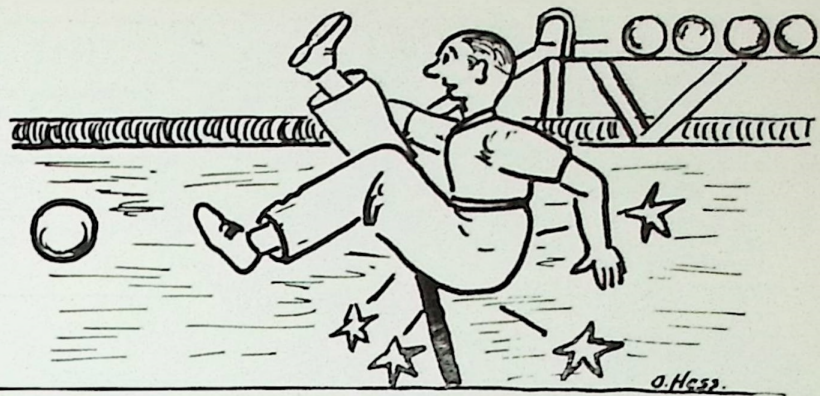
Emily Hensley says it was the nicest Thanksgiving she has ever had. Nellie and Helen agree!

We certainly hope Dot Conrad has the official news regarding Frank's return—she has been patient a long time now.

Fannie Belle Cochran, Ruth Morris and
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Sports



Norm Craigue

Charlie Murray

The photo above shows Norm Craigue presenting to Charlie Murray first prize for winning the Annual Plant Handicap Golf Tournament which was held recently at Beaver Creek Golf Course. Charlie beat out Don Jacobs, Technical, 4 up—8 to go. Eighteen people participated in the tournament and as all tournaments go, some of the matches were pretty close and some of the others were cut and dried before the first ball was hit; but everyone got a lot of fun out of playing in competition.

Plans for next year's tournament are already in the making, so don't let up on the practice between now and then.

Basket Ball League Organized

Plans are being made toward the formation of a Virginia-Carolina Basket Ball League with the following teams as members: Martinsville Independents, DuPont, Schoolfield "Y," Leaksville Independents, Danville Independents, and possibly Fieldale "Y." Present plans call for a 20-game schedule beginning January 2 and closing March 9. Home games will be played on Wednesdays and Saturdays at the High School Gym.

How to Prepare Wild Game

The Remington Arms Company has published a pamphlet which will interest every hunter of wild game, and also the person who prepares the food for eating. Its title, "How to Dress, Ship and Cook Wild Game," tells the story of its contents—full instructions on how to take care of game birds and animals from the time they fall in the field until they reach the dinner table—there are recipes galore. Pheasants, duck, deer, moose, or Molly Cottontail should be cooked each in its own particular way.

Copies of this pamphlet may be obtained by sending 10¢ to cover handling and mailing to Remington Arms Company, Inc., Dept. CB, Bridgeport 2, Conn.

To Sing Christmas Carols

We will again this year be favored by the singing of Christmas carols in the Cafeteria while we are enjoying our Christmas dinner of turkey with all the trimmings. Alice Tudor has been directing the practices and will be in charge of the singing come December 21. The following people were present at the first meeting of the choral group: Clara Prillaman, Lucy Dandridge, Margie Wright, Sarah Shelor, Myrtle Rutledge, Gladys Shelor, Vivian Jones and Judith Wilson from Textile; Emily Hensley, Dot Skeen, Sara Minter and Edith Philpott from Accounting; Bill Wood from Technical; Louis Kottmann from Process Control; Juanita Ramsey from Production Control; Annie Hairfield, Frances Wells and Alice Tudor from Cafeteria, and Ed Rothwell from Power.

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Eliza Lester missed the kick-off of the V. P. I.-V. M. I. game but they really composed a cheering section when they did arrive.

Congratulations to George H. Boone, Jr., on his recent marriage to Miss Hester Resnik, of Detroit, Mich.

After collecting a variety of furniture, dishes, cook books, etc., Ingles Childress finally decided to put them to use. She has gone to Norfolk to keep house for her husband.

Gene Clay wishes to express his appreciation for the confidence shown by the personnel of the Accounting Section in electing him Safety Leader for 1946.

From all accounts, the Thanksgiving dance was quite a success. For details, see Blanche Ratcliffe or Ruth Stultz.

Gladys Gray's smiling face last week was an indication that another husband was on the way home. By the way, we hope no one saw Gladys running down the hall when she heard they had a telegram for her.

Mary Holt Hill has been anxiously awaiting Jack Frost so that she can wear her new fur coat.

A certain ensign recently spent a 30-day leave at home and as a result Emilie Franklin is now wearing a diamond on the third finger, left hand.

By Ruth Stultz

PROJECT ENGINEERING

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Charlie Keith to our group.

We wonder what has happened to Hellaby and his "Sinatra" ties! Come on, Jack, we liked them.

We are glad to have Jim Brugh back with us after his case of "Rocky Mount" flu.

"Crooner" Bill Carter has been accused of disturbing the peace by his melodies coming up through the air-conditioning ducts from the Photostat Room.

We are very sorry to see Marvin Sayland leave our group and go back to the Power group.

Since Christmas is well on its way we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

By Lucille Hodges

PURCHASING

Folks, the long-looked for has arrived—James P. Davis. Imogene, we know all those dreams are coming true now—and your second honeymoon!

Have you noticed that five-year pin Elizabeth Smith is wearing? Congratulations!

We enjoyed your recent visit very much, Bill. Hurry back!

Marie Brown is pinch-hitting for Imogene these last couple weeks. You sure are good company, Marie.

By Ruth C. Nelson

PROTECTION

GUARDS

Hunting season is open for Spencer Reynolds with two weeks' vacation and very few shells.

The war is over and James Piller seems to be doing splendidly learning to drive a car again. He took a trip on his long week-end, and just made it back home before the "practically" new battery went dead.

We are glad to hear that Woodsie Gardner, former "C" Shift sergeant, who is now serving with the Shore Patrol, is recovering nicely from an illness.

Neil Gregory should have a few lessons in English so he wouldn't offer his cap when an Englishman asks for a cab.

We can expect a good girls' basket ball team on "A" Shift, with Turner Thompson doing the coaching.

Bill Turner will have plenty of fresh meat since the hunting season has opened—when he goes out, he really brings in the game!

J. A. Parrish expects to move into his new home on Villa Heights right away.

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Ralph Hinton got high-jacked on a trip to Danville recently. Ralph, has the man returned that tire yet?

By "The Sergeants"

JANITORS

Look out, fellow hunters! James Draper never killed a rabbit and he said he was going to hunt this year. We will pass the word around the day he goes hunting, so you can stay at home and be safe.

Henry Pritchett and Moyer Kellam are asking for volunteers to teach them to dance so that they won't have to be wallflowers.

Since Lazarus Fuller traded cars, his riders do not need to worry about the weather conditions. It's dry inside these days.

Did you know that "Fats" McIver once got stuck in a doorway and had to call for help to get loose?

John Hylton would like to go hunting but can find no one willing to "give" him a shotgun.

The Hunting Dog Company of Fontaine, Grant and Dandridge seems to be doing a good business. For details, see Raymond Fontaine.

By "The Sergeants"

POLYMER AND SPINNING

"A" SHIFT

We are glad to have Julian Boyce back with us since his discharge from the Air Force.

Redia Dillon surprised his wife when he came home unexpected on furlough. He also visited with us on the graveyard shift.

Dewey Barker, until recently in Germany, paid us a call.

Bob Price is all smiles since he found his car was fully covered with fire insurance.

Morton Prillaman spends all his spare time building a house.

Special attention! Textile Girls! We are now getting some single men back on the shift and from our observations, they are *not* confirmed bachelors either!

We are all looking forward to the combined "A" and "D" Shift dance on December 20th.

By Frances Wells

"B" SHIFT

Lewis Brown and Buck Shields are busy housekeeping these days.

George Harville is looking for a buyer for his yacht. Anyone interested look on Smith River.

We're glad to have Lora Jones with us.

"Teen" Ramsey is expecting her husband home from overseas most any day.

Herman Patterson is going in for a little trucking. Is it a dance, Herman?

We are glad to have Jim Murphy back with us from the Army.

We wish Bill Young a speedy recovery.

Was glad to hear from Randy Bradley, who is aboard ship in the Pacific, and Everette Clark, who is stationed in Italy.

Vance Prillaman took Jack Dandridge and Theodore Ussery coon hunting. Results: One opossum (which later got away from Ted) and enough logs for Vance's sawmill to saw 10,000 feet of lumber. A good way to get your logs cut, Vance.

By Jack Witherow

"C" SHIFT

We wish to welcome Paul Willis and Graham Barker from the Navy, and Fred Bryant from the Army.

Bob Munchmeyer is thinking very seriously about coaching those "Mountaineers" next season so he can save some money.

J. E. Hill can't take it in these mountains any more! After hunting in Tennessee flat country, these hills are too tough for him.

Ben Gardner is getting in shape for the basket ball season. Do you think you will make it, Ben?

Becky Gunn, a Textile girl, has been giving P. & S. a much needed helping hand. Thanks, Becky.

We are glad to have Curtis Vernon back after several days of illness.

All "C" Shift is hoping Violet Ramsey, who is out sick, will be back with us soon.

By Virginia

DAY CREW

We welcome Julius Coats to Day Crew.

We miss Ken Stanhagen, who was transferred to shifts.

We wonder why Naomi is spending so much of her time in her apartment. Must be cooking for a special friend!

"Slim" Gayle thinks he's a hen-pecked husband when pay day comes!

Elsie sure has been working for the past few weeks—she was seen cleaning windows at three o'clock in the morning.

By Betty Inman
Naomi Wyne

LOST AND FOUND

HAVE YOU FOUND?

The following articles have been reported lost in or around the Plant. If these articles have not been found within a period of ninety days, they are dropped from the list—for we know by then that they are really lost:

Two Fountain Pens (with some good scratches left in them).

Two Pairs of Prescription Glasses (not those reported below).

Black Mechanical Pencil (regardless of the toothprints on it and the shape it's in, one of our Time Clerks feels very badly about losing it).

Black Billfold (containing folding money and "stuff like that there").

Red Plastic Cigarette Case and a Cigarette Lighter.

Key on Chain (if Ralph Seidle had put a chain on his dog, it wouldn't have been able to wander off).

A Raincoat.

Girl's Birthstone Ring, a Man's Ring, and my telephone ring.

HAVE YOU LOST?

The following articles have been turned in to the Lost and Found Office and may be claimed upon proper identification. If these articles have not been claimed within a period of ninety days, they are returned to the finder:

Leather-Bound Notebook (containing some very neat undecipherable notes).

A Checked Kerchief, Two Printed Handkerchiefs and a Souvenir Handkerchief from "Belioque" (Where is that?).

Paratrooper Wings (you may need these if you start down four or five flights of stairs and lose your footing).

Keys, Keys and Key

Loose-Powder Compact and a Lipstick.

Three Pairs of Prescription Glasses.

Pocket Knife (looks like a good whittler).

MATTIE S. MYERS

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SCATTER SHOTS



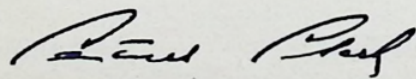
1—Bill Geoghagan gets them to sign on the dotted line while Ye Editor gives directions. 2—Frances Gilbert—Aren't they pretty? 3—"The Voice" of Du Pont is none other than Edith Philpott. 4—Martha Powell cheerfully tacks up the days doings in the Conference Room. 5—This trucking business agrees with George Prillaman but seems to puzzle Fred Bostick. 6—Going up is Bill Housman and holding the ladder so securely is Ben Cooper. 7—A few tips on safety are being given Bill Burgess by Bob Mitchell and Hodie Ferguson.

Nylon Comes Home ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

A few days ago when the boys over in Power were unloading coal from a railroad coal car, they saw a coil of blasting wire which, on examination and by tests by the Lab, was proven to be nylon coated. This type of wire is used in the coal mines for blasting the coal from the earth. We do not know that the nylon in this wire came from Martinsville, but we do know that at one time it was a part of a piece of coal and we thought it interesting and odd that it should turn up again in a coal pile.

THIS YEAR, with many of our relatives and friends getting out of their uniforms, Christmas will take on more of its old-time meaning. Perhaps all of the presents we would like to give cannot now be found in the stores. Perhaps some of our closest relatives and friends are still at a distance, but we know that they are safe from further ravages of war. And we see evidences that store shelves are becoming filled.

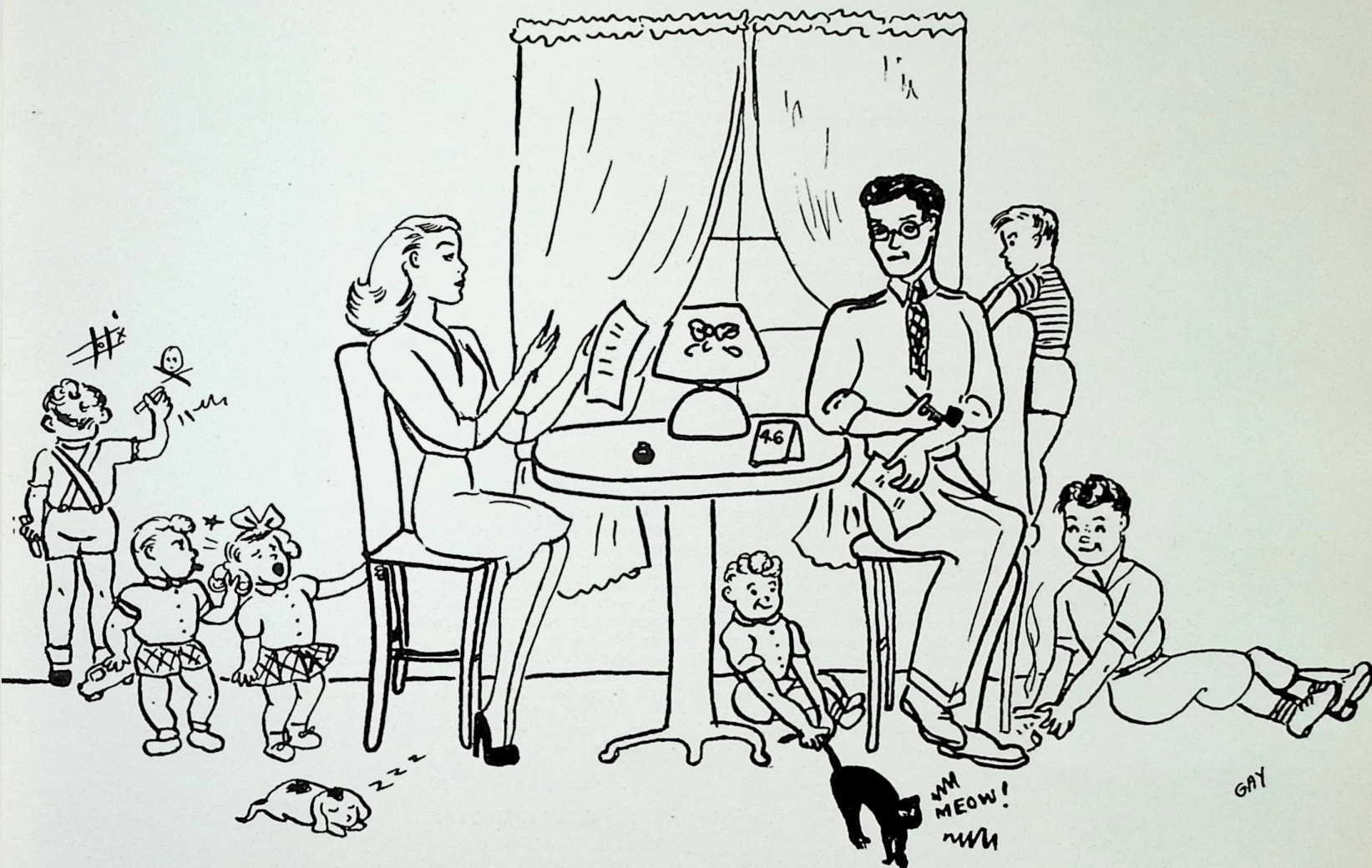
This Christmas, therefore, will be one particularly in which we can all find pleasure in joining together in expressions of good-will. Mrs. Clark and the writer are most pleased to be here in Martinsville and to enjoy the Christmas season with you.



Plant Manager

Your Safety in '46

*We Can All Make the New Year a Safe Year if
We Make Our Resolutions Now . . .*



Our Resolutions for '46

1. We resolve to wear the proper clothing as the weather requires, regardless of whether it's in style.
2. We resolve to maintain the highest standard of house-keeping at home and on the job.
3. We resolve to eat well balanced meals in order to secure good health and happiness.
4. We resolve to teach, by example, our families and our neighbors the philosophy and benefits of Safety.
5. We resolve to apply Safety on the streets and high-ways.
6. We resolve to heed the danger of fire.
7. We resolve to obtain prompt medical aid for all injuries received on the plant as well as at home.
8. We resolve to work and play more safely so that we may live to enjoy the fruits of peace and prosperity in '46.

By THE PROCESS CONTROL GROUP

HOME AGAIN

HAM BURGESS

After induction at Camp Lee on October 5, 1943, and six months training, Hamilton S. Burgess landed with the 1303d Eng. Gen. Ser. Reg., in England.

When the European war ended, "Ham" was in Passau, Germany, but shortly afterward was alerted for shipment to the Pacific Theatre. In the Pacific, they were assigned to the Eighth Army for D-Day operations on Yokohama Airfield. However, the war with Japan ended and "Ham" went to Tokyo to set up headquarters for General MacArthur's staff. He was in Tokyo nine days and then was shipped home on points (77).

JOHN W. MATTOX

After completion of his training in heavy weapons at several camps in the U. S., Private John Mattox embarked on the *Aquitania* for England. From the replacement depot in Genet, France, John was assigned to the 86th Chemical and Mortar Battalion with the First Army, a couple months later the 86th joined the Third Army in the fight for Czechoslovakia.

They landed in New York July 10, scheduled for redeployment to the Pacific, but the surrender of Japan came before they left the States.

John was discharged November 8 at Ft. Knox and returned to work in P. & S. December 5.

FRANCIS KING

Francis King, f/o, was inducted at Camp Lee into the Infantry, February 19, 1943. After three months of basic he was transferred to the Air Corps.

Overseas his crew was attached to the Eighth Air Force and flew supplies into Holland. After V-E Day his B-17 was converted into a transport and they ferried released prisoners of war out of Germany to England and France.

Francis left England for the States on August 22, 1945.

Francis is now working in Maintenance General Office.

KATIE CHITWOOD

One of the first girls to leave the Martinsville Plant and join the Waves was Katie Chitwood of Stores. She left here May 17, 1943, and arrived at Hunter College the next day to begin her basic.

After a three-month training period in supply and disbursing, Katie was assigned as cashier in the Government Commissary at the Naval Operation Base at Norfolk.

In September of this year, Katie was discharged from the Navy with the rating of Storekeeper, first class.

GRADY HOLLEY

Grady Holley was inducted October 2, 1943, and received his basic training with the 252d Combat Engineers Unit at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma. After three months on maneuvers in Louisiana, the unit sailed for Liverpool, England.

On the 21st of September they crossed the Channel to Omaha Beach and grouped with the Ninth Army and followed it through France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. He was transferred to the Military Government Unit at Dorinstadt, Germany.

Grady sailed from Le Havre October 3, and docked at Norfolk, Va., October 18, 1945. He reported to Fort Meade for discharge.

DICK CULBERTSON

The first employee to leave the Martinsville Plant and join the fighting forces in this war was R. G. Culbertson. Dick was recalled to active duty on December 18, 1941, as a lieutenant commander in the U. S. Navy Supply Corps.

Twenty days after being assigned to the U. S. S. *Colvert* (an Auxiliary Personnel Attack), he took part in the first African Invasion. After a tour of duty at the Sitka Sub-sector and Quonset Point, R. I., Dick was sent to the Aleutians as Supply Officer for the Adak Sector; he was here only a short time when he was sent back to the Norfolk Separation Center for discharge. While on terminal leave, Dick was promoted to the rank of Captain and is credited with over 27 years in the Navy.

GENUS LANIER

"Genus" Lanier enlisted in the Seabees and was called to report for active duty February 24, 1943, at Camp Peary, Va.

On November 28, 1943, he left Seattle, Wash., for Alaska, where he was assigned to C. B. M. U. No. 512. After nine months up there, he came back to the States for a course in Chemical Warfare and was then sent to the South Pacific. A year of duty out there and he sailed for home, arriving in San Francisco October 12 and was transferred to the Separation Center in Norfolk for discharge.

WYSE JENNINGS

Inducted at Camp Lee in November, 1942, Private First Class Wyse Jennings was sent to Camp Chaffee, Ark., for basic training with the Medical Detachment of the 14th Armored Division.

In October, 1944, his unit landed at Marseilles, France, and grouped with the Seventh Army under General Patch. They went through the Vosges Mountains into Germany. While with this group Wyse droye a medical jeep, administered first aid and brought in wounded men who could make the trip back in the jeep.

Wyse left for the States Oct. 19, 1945. He received his discharge from Ft. Meade, Md., November 3, 1945.

TRAVIS MATTOX

Captain Travis Mattox, who had a reserve commission in the Infantry, was called to service July 5, 1942, and reported to Fort Monroe, Va. A month later, he left from Staten Island for overseas aboard the U. S. S. *Wakefield* and 18 days later landed in Ireland with the Amphibious Engineers.

On November 8, 1942, the unit took part in the North African Invasion and landed about 30 miles west of Oran in Algiers. March 1, 1943, the Battalion moved into Port Arzew; here Travis had supervision of moving cargo off ships to its destination.

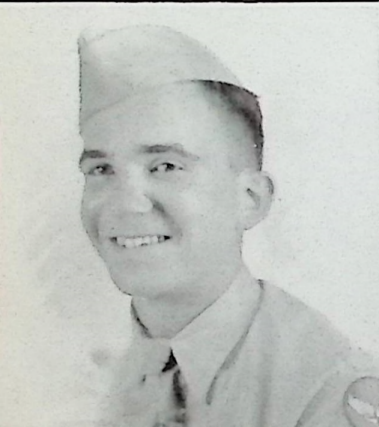
Travis came back to the U. S. April 17, 1944, and was discharged Oct. 9, 1945.

JACK HOGGARD

Twenty-six months, 28 days, 5 hours, 2 minutes and a split second was the time Jack Hoggard, S 1/c, pulled in the Navy.

Jack was inducted September 3, 1943, for his boot training. He was assigned as gunner on a troop transport and sailed February 1, 1944, for the Pacific. He has made six trips across the Pacific and traveled approximately 73,500 miles.

Jack disembarked October 9, 1945, and was home with his discharge Nov. 24.



HOME AGAIN

BILL WRIGHT

Bill was inducted into the Navy April, 1943, and trained at Bainbridge, Md. He received his commission in June, '43, and was assigned to the Communications School at Harvard.

His sea duty consists of 18 months on a L. C. L. Mortar as the Group Communications Officer attached to the flagship.

For the invasion of Iwo Jima and Okinawa, two Bronze Stars were added to Bill's Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon.

November 20, 1945, Bill received his discharge and was on terminal leave until January 6, 1946.

BILL HEDGECOCK

After induction on December 12, 1943, and boot camp at Bainbridge, Bill Hedgecock, S 1/c, was assigned as a member of the Armed Guard on board the merchant ship *Lightning*. During his seven months plying the Atlantic, Bill was fortunate enough to get home to see the family two or three times, but when he was assigned to the *Adonis*, a Fleet Repair Ship in the Pacific, his stay away from home lasted longer. His discharge was effective December 16, 1945, and he is now back on the job in the Power House.

GARRETT WELLS

Garrett Wells, QM 2/c, just about covered the entire Asiatic and Pacific Theatre of Operations from Australia to Tokyo, from March, 1944, to December, '45. Garrett was assigned to a landing craft which had the job of ferrying troops from island to island in the Pacific.

Garrett participated in the invasions of Iwo Jima and Okinawa and was in Tokyo Bay when the surrender ceremony took place on the U. S. S. *Missouri*. He says a total of 2,115 Allied warships were anchored in the Bay that day. Garrett visited the ruins of Nagasaki where, he says, the destruction was indescribable.

Garrett is back at work in Receiving.

FRANK ANDREWS

Frank Andrews was inducted in the Navy in May, 1943, and after basic training at Bainbridge, was assigned to the Aviation Ordnance School in Jacksonville, Fla., where he learned the intricacies of machine guns, bomb mechanism, aerial mines, etc. He was next assigned to the Naval Air Training School at Norman, Okla., as instructor in Aerial Gunnery.

While at Norman, Frank was sent to the Remington Arms Plant at Ilion, N. Y., for a three weeks course in gunsmith training. While there, he met Horace Watson, Ed Sapp and Bill Wood, former Martinsville employees, who had been transferred to Ordnance during the war.

Frank's discharge became effective November 19, 1945, and he returned to work in the Production Control Group in January.

JIM DAVIS

Jim Davis, who was a top gunner on a B-24, started out May 16, 1942, at Ft. Belvoir. After armor and gunnery schools, Jim went to March Field, Cal., to join a crew and fly practice missions.

As the different islands were recaptured, their group moved on closer to Japan and at the end of the war, Jim was stationed at Ie Shima. He is now back in shipping.

CHARLIE RUSSELL

Lieutenant Charlie Russell applied for a commission in the Navy but before it was approved he was inducted in March, 1943, and sent to boot camp. His officer's training was received at Cornell University. Charlie was assigned to the U. S. S. *Turkey*, a sea-going tug, leaving California in October for duty with the Pacific Fleet. The *Turkey* performed general harbor duty and also rescued ships stranded at sea. Charlie served as Gunnery Officer, Communications Officer, Navigator and finally as Executive Officer.

His discharge was effective in Dec., '45, and he has now returned to work in Meth., and Std.

ROY DODSON

Three years ago last October, Roy Dodson was inducted into the Army and assigned to the Aircraft Armament School at Buckley Field. On completion of school, he was assigned to the Charleston Air Base for submarine patrol.

His overseas experience began on the island of Tarawa which served as the base for the squadron while it went about the job of "low-level" bombing in the Marshalls. While the fighting was still in progress on Okinawa, the squadron moved there for raids on Japan, which were not necessary because of the final surrender.

John received his discharge Nov., 17, at Ft. Bragg. He is working in P. & S.

LEWIS HAYNES

After boot training at Great Lakes, Lewis Haynes was transferred to Gunnery School at Gulfport, Miss. Qualifying as a gunner's mate, he was assigned to the Merchant Ship S. S. *Richard H. Alry*, and began his cargo runs back and forth across the Atlantic.

On the fourth trip, they landed in Antwerp, Belgium, and loaded cargo for China. Just before they got to the Philippines, the Pacific war ended and they immediately returned to the States.

Lewis was given a 30-day leave and then reported to Camp Shelton, received his discharge December 21, 1945, and has returned to Stores.

N. R. SCOTT

Nelson Scott, Sp "A" 1/c, left P. & S. for induction in August, 1943. His "boot" training was given with emphasis and received with chargin at Bainbridge. Then followed nine weeks in the Physical Instructor School, studying physiology, anatomy and athletic programs. Nelson began putting his training to work with his first assignment at Little Creek Section Base. A few months later he was transferred to the U. S. Naval Hospital at Norfolk in charge of the Welfare and Recreation program for the entire hospital.

He received his discharge December 4.

NED RORRER

Ned Rorrer was inducted at Camp Lee on December 16, 1942, and received eight months of basic training at Camp Claiborne, La. After this time, he was sent to California for embarkation.

The 653d Engineers Unit, to which Ned was attached, landed at Bombay, India, and then proceeded to Dehera Dun where they spent the next 12 months. Ned's unit was transferred to the Burma Road Engineers and spent eight months hauling supplies over the Burma Road.

In May, '45, Ned was sent back to the States. He received his discharge on September 26, 1945.



HOME AGAIN

JACK FRANKLIN

Jack Franklin, CM 2/c, was inducted October 26, 1943, and swapped his Guard uniform for one of the U. S. Navy. At Bainbridge, he was assigned as ship-fitter on the Presidential Yacht *Potomac*. His Pacific duty included harbor and rescue work in the Philippines, Eniwetok, Okinawa, and Saipan. He left the Philippines bound for home November 6, 1945, and landed in Seattle 21 days later. His final discharge papers were signed at Camp Shelton December 8, and Jack returned to the Guard Force January 1.

ELWOOD WADE

Six weeks of "boot" training at Camp Peary, then Elwood Wade was sent to Engineering School at Gulfport, Miss. October, '44, he was assigned to the U. S. S. *Sandpiper*, carrying airplane motors and gasoline from the States to Africa and Brazil.

The last five months of his naval career was spent at Key West, Fla., where he was attached to a Night Attack Combat Training Unit of Torpedo Dive Bombers. Elwood was discharged from there on November 29, 1945, after a year and eight months of service.

BILL THOMPSON

Bill Thompson, SF 2/c, left his job in Maintenance to enter the Seabees in October, 1943. His first training was received at Camp Peary, Va. For secondary training, which included the building of floating docks, Bill went to Camp Thomas, R. I., for two months, and from there to California for embarkation to the Pacific and the invasion of Peleiu in September, 1944. After the surrender, Bill's unit landed occupation troops at Wakayama, Japan, until November, '45. His discharge is dated December 13, 1945, at Norfolk, Va.

Bill returned to work January 14 in Maintenance.

MARIE WATKINS

Enlisted in the Navy in January, '43, Marie went first to "boot" school in Cedar Falls, Iowa. After going to an Aviation Machinist School at Norman, Okla., she was sent to Pensacola, Fla.

The first ten months at Pensacola, Marie pulled checks on Navy trainers. This check consisted of completely going over a plane after it had been flown 10-20 hours. Then in June, '44, she was transferred to the log room where she was in charge of keeping records on the amount of time each plane had been flown, the amount of work that had been done or had to be done on each plane.

Marie was in the Navy three years from the time she enlisted and is qualified to wear the American Defense Ribbon and the Victory Ribbon.

JAMES HESTER

Corporal James Hester was inducted into the Army, January 18, 1943, and after basic training he left the States for Casablanca and Oran on the way to his ultimate destination in Calcutta, India. On April 10, the unit moved up to Ledo, Burma, to establish communications preparatory to the liberation of Burma and the opening of the Burma Road. James saw China for the first time in June of '44 when he was assigned to a truck convoy ferrying trucks to Kuming, China.

He left Burma September 16 for the States. He received his discharge December 1.

ARCHIE HUGHES

December 10, 1945, Staff Sergeant Archie Hughes reported back to work with the P. & S. Maintenance Group after serving with the Air Corps for three years, three months and 11 days.

Archie left the States for Chaculia, India, February 12, 1944, to establish a base to be used by B-29's for bombing Manchuria. From here, they moved to Tinian for missions over Japan. On November 3, Archie left for the States on a troop transport, which 15 days later deposited him in Los Angeles, then by train to Fort Bragg and that discharge paper, November 26.

J. O. EXLEY

John Exley, QM 2/c, reported to Bainbridge, Md., for seven weeks of boot camp and then to Quartermaster's School in Newport, R. I. After gunnery practice in the Great Lakes for about a month, John boarded an LST at Jeffersonville, Ind., and sailed down the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers to New Orleans, from there to Panama City, Fla., on a shake down cruise.

December 28, 1944, with a shipload of supplies and oil, the crew left for Guam. From Guam, they went on to Saipan loaded with Marines and their equipment for the initial invasion of Okinawa.

After accumulating the required number of points, John was sent back to Camp Shelton for his discharge.

O. C. CANNADAY

Lieutenant Oscar Cannaday received his commission in the Navy and left for indoctrination at Cornell, July 1, 1942. His actual duty began at the Section Base in St. Petersburg, Fla., with the Anti-Submarine Patrol off the coast.

Oscar left Frisco for Australia and the Pacific by way of New Guinea on a Navy transport.

Lieutenant Cannaday followed up the invasions of Biak Morotai, Palau, Leyte, Lingayen Gulf and Cavite. He left Manila August 27, arriving in Roanoke September 1. His discharge was completed November 2 and he returned to work in P. & S., January 4.

ROBERT CLARY

Robert Clary, F 2/c, was inducted into the U. S. Navy March 27, 1944, and sent to the Seabee camp at Camp Peary to receive his basic training. Bob left the States for Pearl Harbor in March, '44, on the A. P. A. 101, where he was assigned to spare parts warehouse ABCD, Monalula Ridge, handling parts and equipment shipped from the States to forward Seabee battalions.

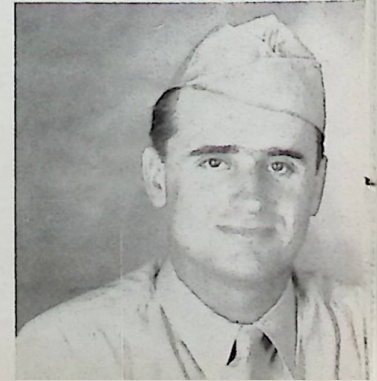
September 24 was a great day in Bob's Navy life because he left Pearl Harbor on the Big "E" (Carrier *Enterprise*) bound for New York. Bob reported for work in the Powerhouse January 1.

JOHN PANKOVICH

"Panky" left the Shipping Area in April, '43, and went to Camp Croft, S. C., for his basic training.

"Panky" fought through Cassino and at Anzio beachhead invasion was wounded and sent back to the hospital in Naples for three months. He rejoined his outfit above Rome in time to be sent to Southern France for that invasion.

"Panky" left for the States Nov. 10, and landed in New York Nov. 19. He received his discharge at Fort Meade on Nov. 24, and is now back in the Shipping Area.



Reading from Left to Right: Clara Prillaman, Stenographic; Don Martin, Project Eng.; Juanita Ramsey, Prod. Control; Teresa Critz, Textile; Gene Clay, Power; Frances Stanley, Records; Annie Hairfield, Cafeteria; Vivian Jones, Textile; Alice Tudor, Cafeteria; Gladys Shelor, Textile; Marie Burpeau, Records; Bill Wood, Technical; Marie Brown, Stenographic; Ann Cummings, Inspection; Kathleen Owens, Textile; Lucy Dandridge, Textile; Hattie Cook, Prod. Control; Ernestine Stultz, Stores; Emily Hensley, Time Office; Louise Robertson, Inspection; Virginia Young, Records; Margaret Baughn, Time Office; Myrtle Rutledge, Process Control; Ed Rothwell, Power.

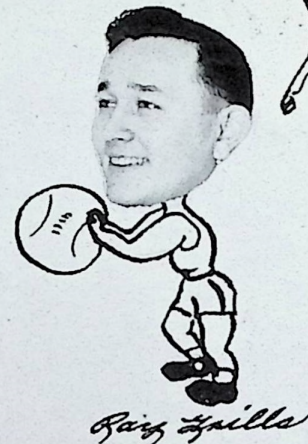
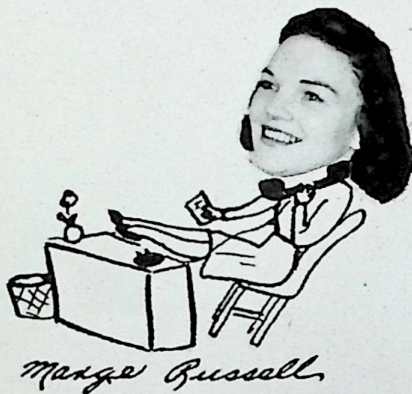
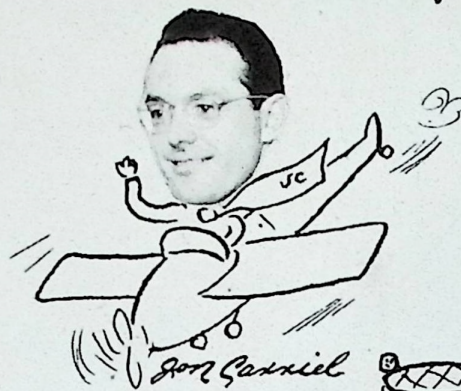
Unable to be seen are Ed Minnick, Judith Wilson and Lou Kottmann.

Every Monday Night — 8 P. M. — N. B. C.

JANUARY 28—"Commencement in Khaki" . . . Corporal Pete Johnson stationed at Camp Kilmer, in New Jersey, was skeptical about the new camp college—Kilmer College they called it—which the army had set up. As a past professor of public speaking at the University of Wisconsin, he viewed the project with some academic interest . . . but still, objectively . . . until his pre-war occupation became known. From that moment on, he was again a professor of speech and, rapidly reversing his

FEBRUARY 4—"Children of Old Man River" . . . When Broadway looks back over the names that have flashed along the Great White Way—the names of those who, season after season, have trod the boards and made the headlines, it also recalls a family of troupers who played Broadway for only one winter. The Four Bryants, a showboat team, brought old-time vaudeville to every city, town and cow-path landing on the inland waters of the Mississippi Valley. But young Billy Bryant's heart was always set on Broadway—George M. Cohan's world. He even called himself the "George M. Cohan of the Rivers." Cavalcade's story of the Bryants' rise to fame is based on the book of the same title by Billy Bryant himself, and for that reason is full of all the nostalgia and humor of those well-remembered days of button shoes, diamond stick-pins, and tap routines.

PROCESS DEVELOPMENT



W. A. Wright -- 10 Years Service

Bill Wright became eligible for his ten-year service pin in May of 1944, but at that time was serving as Communications Officer for a group of L. C. I.'s in the Navy somewhere in the Pacific, consequently, the presentation had to be delayed until he returned to work in the Cost Group.

Bill's first job with the Company was in the Plant Clerical Group at Spruance in May, 1934. From Plant Clerical, he was transferred to the Cost Group until October, 1939, when he was sent to the Wilmington Office preparatory to being transferred to the new Nylon Plant at Seaford in November, 1939. Bill worked in Plant Clerical there until his transfer to Martinsville in September, 1941, as Head Cost Clerk. In November, 1942, he was appointed Production Control Supervisor until the Navy called him to service in April, 1943.

Bill married Elizabeth Himes, former Physical Test Lab employee, in November, 1942.



W. T. Mattox -- 10 Years Service

Travis graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in the spring of 1933 and began earning his living at the Burlington Mills at Alta Vista, Va. After two years here, he decided to change jobs and began his employment with the Du Pont Company as a Student Operator in Plant II at Spruance Rayon in September, 1935. In March, 1936, Travis was appointed foreman in the Textile area until September of '38, when he was transferred to Plant III, making "cordura" for automobile tires. In the fall of 1939, Travis was transferred to the new Nylon Plant at Seaford as foreman of the Day Misc. Group in the Drawtwist Area. He was appointed Shift Supervisor in 1940 in Area B, and in September, 1941, was transferred to Martinsville.

Travis was called to active duty in the U. S. Army in July, 1942. During his term with the Army, he became eligible for his 10-year pin, which was presented to him on his return to work after discharge in October, 1945.

Travis married Harriet Treacle, February 21, 1938. They have three children: Billy, five; Paul, three, and Ann, 5 months.



Next Summer's Straws Will Shed Rain—Straw hats that give extra protection and longer wear by shedding light showers are in prospect. American-made synthetic straw braid and straw fabrics will be treated with "Aridex" water repellant before they are fashioned into hats.

Lightweight "Lucite" Battery Container for Aircraft—An all-plastic battery container, weighing less than ten pounds, is being used to house the specially designed 12-volt storage battery used on the jet-propelled P-80 "Shooting Star," and recently made available for general aircraft use.

Fabricated of transparent "Lucite" methyl methacrylate resin, it has good heat and acid resistance, according to the Electric Storage Battery Company, Philadelphia, the manufacturers. The plastic offers a 20% reduction in weight compared with aluminum and rubber, the usual military aircraft container materials, and is sturdy enough to withstand any shocks incident to normal handling.

The complicated fabricating requires milling the plastic to an overall tolerance of plus or minus one thirty-second of an inch to insure a tight fit in the plane, with some component parts held to a tolerance of plus or minus one-thousandth of an inch.

Paint Affects Radiator Efficiency—Scientific studies reveal that metallic finishes on radiators return to boilers about one-fifth of the heat which should be transmitted promptly to the room. Any type of non-metallic finish in any color is more desirable, because it will permit high heat transmission amounting to at least 95 per cent.

These findings should *not* be interpreted as meaning that fuel can be saved or more heat obtained from the same amount of fuel merely by coating radiators with non-metallic paint.

Painting with proper paints will, however, produce several worth-while results. More rapid warming of rooms will be possible because correctly finished radiators give off heat more rapidly. Also, in the case of a radiator not large enough to heat a room suitably, more adequate heating may be obtained by proper painting. This point is based on the rapidity of heat transmitted to a room as against the rate of loss through imperfect insulation and constantly cooled window panes and outer walls.

Moreover, homeowners may now feel free to complete interior color schemes by making hot-water radiators less conspicuous with paint colors which harmonize with trim enamels and wall tints.

A noteworthy finding is that bronze and aluminum paints cause poor heat radiation only when they are the last or top coat. Metallic-finished hot-water-system radiators may, therefore, be made to transmit heat more rapidly simply by brushing on a fresh coat of non-metallic paint.

Drinking Tumblers Coming Soon in Nylon Plastic—Along with the return of nylon hosiery, articles made of nylon plastic will soon appear in stores throughout the country, according to a Du Pont announcement. Drinking tumblers, combs, slide fasteners, and tableware are some of the numerous things promised shortly in this material.

Now that government allocations have been lifted on nylon as a plastic, many of the uses foreseen for the material are expected to be actualities within the next few months. In wartime, its use was confined to essential military and industrial applications.

First-comers in the plastic will be only in its natural color, a translucent ivory. Colored nylon plastic, however, will probably be ready for product manufacturers within a year.

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New Nylon Technical Division Manager

Dr. Ernest B. Benger, general assistant manager of the Technical Division of the Rayon Department of the Du Pont Company, has been appointed manager of the division succeeding M. du Pont Lee, who was recently named general consultant in the Engineering Department, the company announced today. A. E. Buchanan, Jr., continues in his present capacity as assistant manager of the Technical Division.

Dr. Benger joined the Du Pont Company in 1917 as a research chemist and until 1939 was associated with several departments in various capacities. At times he has been division head at the Experimental Station, assistant director of the Delta Laboratory dealing in plastic research, director of the Redpath Laboratory, chemical

superintendent of the "Fabrikoid" Division, chemical director of the Rayon and Cellophane Departments, and general assistant director of the Chemical Department.

In July, 1939, Dr. Benger was appointed assistant manager of the Technical Division and in this capacity directed the research and development of all phases of viscose and acetate rayon, nylon, and cellophane.

Dr. Benger is the author of scientific and technical papers on rayon, nylon, and other related subjects.

Born in Belvidere, Ill., Dr. Benger was graduated from Grinnell College, Iowa, and received his Ph. D. in chemistry from the University of Wisconsin. He was also awarded an honorary D. Sc. degree by Grinnell College in 1937.

E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., on November 15, issued the following statement:

Recurring reports from Germany giving the impression that the Du Pont Company is a substantial stockholder in I. G. Farbenindustrie are entirely incorrect. The Du Pont Company has no investment whatever in I. G., or any of its subsidiaries.

The latest of these reports is a statement attributed to Colonel Edwin S. Pillbury, identified as Farben Industry control officer in Germany.

The only stock interest Du Pont ever had in I. G. Farben, in fact, came as a result of an investment of \$1,785,522 made in 1925 in the stock of two German explosives firms, Dynamit A. G. and Koln-Rottweil, which later were merged with or came under the control of I. G. The Koln-Rottweil shares were converted into I. G. shares. The investment was later increased, by the exercise of purchase rights, to a total of \$2,396,316, which was approximately one-half of one per cent of the issued shares of that company.

Du Pont began disposing of its investments in I. G. in 1933. Sale of its whole remaining I. G. investment was authorized by Du Pont in 1934. This proved difficult because of currency regulations and blocked mark requirements. The I. G. stock was, however, fully disposed of in 1940, at a loss of \$671,406, and the Dynamit A. G. shares, sold at the same time, were liquidated at a loss of \$534,359.

Du Pont Company Cited



The above picture shows Lamont Du Pont, Chairman of the Board, E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, receiving from Brigadier General A. H. Waitt, Assistant Chief, U. S. Chemical Warfare Service, a Certificate of Appreciation from the War Department. This Certificate was awarded to chemical manufacturers who did an outstanding job in making supplies for the Chemical Warfare Service.

In every department, the Du Pont Company did an excellent job of producing the materials and supplies needed by our government to fight a victorious war. Those materials and supplies were in quantity and of the highest quality. This know-how of doing things is typical of the employees in the Du Pont Company—these same employees are now turning their efforts toward peacetime civilian products in line with the Du Pont Company slogan—"Better Things for Better Living . . . Through Chemistry."



CAFETERIA

DID SANTA CLAUS REMEMBER TO BRING . . .
Jackie Bryant a new recipe for potatoes and eggs?

Virginia Hairston a cushion to use when she walks on waxed floors?

Alice Tudor a new supply of patience?

Sue Pierce a book in which to record her work schedule?

Estelle Stanley admittance to her new home?

Annie Hairfield a title sweeter than "Sweetness"?

Talmadge Thornton and Lena Clarke a cordial welcome to the Cafeteria?

Janie Boaz an occasional Sunday off?

Mildred Setliff a bell to put on Basil's neck?

Maggie Davis a new auto (or autogyro)?

Gussie Price some bricks for her home-to-be?

Margaret Chaney a new "G" string for her fiddle?

Bula Covington a demonstrator for her new electric range?

Leola Barnes a round-trip ticket to Washington, D. C.?

Mildred Turner a telephone?

Ernestine Anglin, Johnnie Fontaine, Eleanor Redd and Sallie Clark new dancing instructions?

Lula Hairston an Eskimo coat to wear in the walk-in refrigerators?

Blanche Waller a new pair of earrings?

Anna Fuller that long desired living room suite?

Louvenia Betz a cook book?

By Lennie Meredith
Mary Spehar

PROTECTION

Can you believe that Spencer Reynolds passed up a manager's job in professional baseball after being a "star" second baseman for several years?

Sergeant Law, James Piller, and Spencer Reynolds enjoyed the fish dinner Monday. It was sardines!

Branton Martin is adding to the salutatory greetings at the switchboard on shifts. Example: "Good mawnin', Du Pont, 3:05 a. m." Since four out of five calls consist of, "What time do you have?" one party hung up without saying a word.

Henry Belcher is learning to play the piano. When you can get both hands together at the same time, Henry, how about having us over for that recital?

We understand Rufus Bivins, Jr., has recently returned home.

Neil Gregory went on a deer—or did he mean deer—hunt, and returned with neither deer, dear, or shirt tail.

By "The Sergeants"

Ed.—We are all wondering where Neil Crouch gets the kick-a-poo joy juice that makes his A-Model Ford plow through the snow when all others have stopped by the way.

POLYMER AND SPINNING

"A" SHIFT

The "A" and "D" Shifts' Christmas dance was a real success and everyone had a good

time. We are looking forward to another one in the near future.

Blanche Adkins had quite a time trying to entertain her number-one boy friend and get around to all of the others, too, at the dance.

Fred Wray said the first time he had ever had enough to eat while working at Du Pont was Christmas Day. (P. S.—It was free that day.)

Roy Richardson is all smiles since his daughter from New York spent the Christmas holidays at home.

Paul Gordan tells us he has lost fifteen pounds in one week. What did you try to do, Paul, improve your figure?

By Frances Wells

"B" SHIFT

Harold Morgan, Sandy Roberts, Ned Rorrer are back displaying that little bronze button. They certainly deserve it and we all welcome you back to "B" Shift.

John Tuggle was accused of telling a falsehood about that duck hunt. Don't weaken, John, you'll convince someone eventually. (Even if they were decoys.)

We wish Bill Young, Howard Montrieff and Frank Chitwood a speedy recovery.

Telegram—and good news for "Teen" Ramsey—her husband has landed in the States.

We welcome Roy Dodson, Oscar Cannady and Nelson Scott to our shift.

By Charlie Martin

"C" SHIFT

Irene Hill's love life has again faded. Better luck next time, Irene.

Unappreciated Christmas gifts were received by Violet Ramsey, Ben Gardner, and J. E. Hill.

Mac Clifton's "Grow-hair-on-a-doorknob" remedy is working. Nice going, Mac.

Congratulations to Graham Barker on the arrival of a new baby girl.

We wish Virginia Clifton a speedy recovery.

We wonder why Violet Ramsey is all smiles. It couldn't be that new diamond.

Congratulations to William Perdue who was recently married.

We hope the next time John Stovall gets robbed on the highway, the bandit has a mask on.

By Irene Hill

"D" SHIFT

"D" Shift welcomes Roy Brigman, Epp Stanley and Eddie Compton back from a long stretch in service.

We wish Sterling Minter a speedy recovery from his illness.

Anybody knowing of a nice house for rent, please advise Bill Fowke so he can settle down to a happy family life.

If your car stalls and won't run, you might ask Jim Souther what to do for it. It might need a drink of water.

Our loss was Textile's gain when Nellie Wright was transferred to Textile.

We wonder if by any chance Eddie Compton's conscience is bothering him.

It seems from the report by Phoebe Hodges that basket ball is a pretty rough game.

We understand that it is hard to tell the difference between the handwriting of Bill Fowke and Roland Rhett.

By Claude Minter

DAY CREW AND DAY RELIEF

We welcome to our group Paul Willis and Grady Holley, both were recently discharged from the armed services.

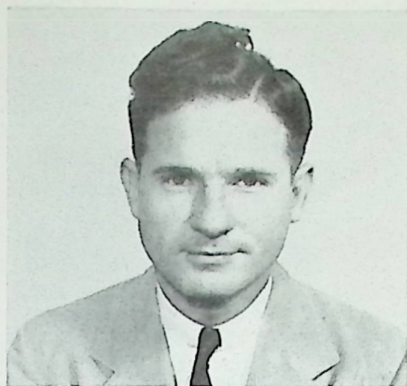
We sure did miss Nancy while she was out sick, she is now back on her job.

Ernie and Carl can sing very well—just drop by Polymer and Storage sometime.

Mary says "Santa really filled her stocking."

By Betty Inman
Naomi Wyne

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"Genus" Lanier

C. A. "Genus" Lanier -- 15 Years

"Genus" started with the Company in 1926 as a Spinning Doffer in Plant No. 1, Old Hickory. After one year there, the Florida "boom fever" affected him to the extent that he resigned and traveled by devious methods to Florida where he worked as timekeeper on a construction job until 1927. He returned to Nashville, his home town, and in '28 began his employment with Du Pont for the second time as Electrical Clerk on Construction in Birmingham. There followed ten years of construction work on 18 different jobs reaching from Baton Rouge, La., to Buffalo, N. Y., working as stores clerk, receiving clerk and storekeeper.

He says people today are fortunate in having such a fine modern plant to work in—one that puts safety ahead of everything—as back in those days safety was in its infancy and usually "the boss" was the man who could "lick" any man under him.

While working on the Buffalo construction in 1931, "Genus" met, courted and eventually married on August 10, 1935, Miss Teresa Petrina of that city. After being transferred six times in four years, they decided to settle down and cast their lot with nylon. On December 4, 1939, he was transferred as Receiving Section Foreman to the Seaford Plant. On August 10, 1941, he was transferred to Martinsville as Receiving Section Foreman and was made Stores Supervisor in December, 1941, where he remained until February, 1943, at which time he enlisted in the Seabees as a Storekeeper. He served in the Aleutians, New Guinea and Philippines, being honorably discharged October 26, 1945, and returning to work December 1.

"Genus" makes no bones about how happy he is to be back and says the two best decisions he ever made were entering matrimony and his transfer to the Nylon Division.



Don McCullough, El. Serv.
Jim Brugh, Proj. Eng.

Harvey MacDonald, Prot.
Neil Gregory, Prot.

Five-Year Pins

Phil Prillaman, P. & S.

C. R. Bayles, Maint.

Dick Culbertson, Stores



Edith Philpott, Acc.
Percy Roach, Maint.

Jess Ramsey, Maint.
Nelson Scott, P. & S.

Jon Carriel, Tech.
John Pankovich, Ship.

Al Jenkins, M. & S.
Grady Holley, P. & S.

Archie Hughes, Maint.
Moyer Kellam, Stores



TEXTILE

"A" SHIFT

We certainly miss Tom Maynard since he has been transferred to Days. A hearty welcome to Travis Mattox.

We welcome Anna Hatcher, Lelia Smith, Dorothy Ingram, Kathleen Tate, Louise Plaster and Frances Hylton to "A" Shift.

Anyone interested in a good cook? If so, see Maggie Toler because she can make delicious candy.

Our sympathy goes to Gladys Frith in the death of her brother.

After Cecil Garvey overslept one night, she wrote dear ole Santa and asked for a new alarm clock!

Winifred Walker is all smiles since a telephone call from her boy friend, who just landed at Norfolk.

Wedding bells are ringing again on "A" Shift—this time it's Eva Hatcher. Congratulations, Eva!

By Reva Altice

"B" SHIFT

We wish to welcome to our shift Claudia Frances, Sybil Spencer, Lucy Smith, Lera Whitlow, Madeline Shiveley, Dell Harmon and Pauline Boyd. Also our new forelady, Ruth Campbell.

Orene Lawson, Hene Harmon and Frances Tyree are all smiles since their boy friends arrived in the States.

Macel Martin is now addressed as Mrs. Richard Jones. Congratulations, Macel!

We miss Carr Leach and Ercelle Davidson who were recently transferred to Days.

We are glad to hear that Virginia Wood's husband is on his way home from overseas.

We will really miss Orene Lawson and Lillie Peters who are leaving us to work on Day Crew.

We wish Marie Ingram a speedy recovery. Hurry back to work, Marie, we miss you.

By Evelyn Bocock

"C" SHIFT

Santa Claus was very good to Frances Atkins, Virginia Hazelwood, Eula Tilley and Wilma Butler. Left them sparkling new diamonds. Be careful, girls!

Weddings! Weddings! Weddings during the month of December were Eldean Vernon, Ruby Whitlow, Blanche Atkins, Eva Daniels and Glendola Turner. Congratulations, girls!

A big event will happen at Rocky Mount in January—Evelyn Davis will change her name to Mrs. Garland Hunt.

Ardis Angle is all smiles since her boy friend is in town!

Smoke is dying down after "C" Shift dance. All the girls are anxious for another one real soon. How about it, girls?

By Becky Gunn

Employee Suggestions Adopted

December, 1945

POLYMER AND SPINNING

Leslie T. Jefferson
John Tuggle
Bill Foddrell
Mack Grindstaff
Sterling G. Minter
Joseph B. Clifton
Morton H. Robertson
Roy P. DeLancey
Fred Wray

POWER

Vieva C. Snead
W. O. Smith

MAINTENANCE

J. E. Torrey

PROCESS CONTROL

Elizabeth C. Marshall

TEXTILE

Elizabeth H. Colvin

ACCOUNTING

Rebecca J. Metz
Catherine M. McLaughlin

INSPECTION PACKING AND SHIPPING

Joseph C. Petty

SERVICE

R. H. Scott

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"D" SHIFT

A cordial welcome to those new faces one sees busily at work: Betty Frank, Margaret Earles, Lorene Cox, Juanita Jarrett, Virginia Harvell, and forelady, Nellie Wright, who has recently been transferred to Textile.

The love bug has really bit Nora Williams and Dora Prillaman—they are sporting magnificent diamond rings. They don't say when "I Do" will be.

We are very delighted to have Zelma Jarrett on our shift from "C" Shift.

Elizabeth Manning doesn't have to share her husband with Uncle Sam any more—now he is all yours, "Lib."

Everyone knows why Cindy Ramsey is all smiles—she is the proud bride of Aubrey Wyatt! Congratulations!

The Shift did appreciate Charlie Currin attending our safety meeting at 12:00 midnight.

By Evelyn Norman

DAY MISCELLANEOUS

We welcome Gladys Young and Bernice Gregory to our group.

Two of our girls have changed their names—Dorothy Reynolds is now Mrs. Martin and Sarah Shelor is Mrs. May. Congratulations!

Santa was very good to all of us but he brought Kathleen Grogan and Frances Tatum dinner rings.

If anyone wants any new hair styles, ask Gloria Bishop—she has a different one every morning.

Hazel Nolen is very happy these days—her boy friend is home from overseas.

By Codell Jones

DAY RELIEF

Congratulations to Eunice McCubbins on her third wedding anniversary on December 23.

We are glad to have Elsie Murphy back with us after being out sick.

If anyone has a cake pan, please give it to Evelyn Robertson—she hates to bake her cakes in a bread pan.

We all hate to lose Margaret Parsell. We wish you a lot of happiness in your new job—housekeeping!

Sallie Jones seems to think she can bowl better on her knees.

By Pauline Yates

PROJECT ENGINEERING

Bill Carter is now qualified to give out information on sleigh riding—at least he says that is where he got his "beat-up" chin.

If you want to know the "correct" time, just ask Waller Kuykendall, Santa brought him a new watch.

Roy Bullington had decided there is no Santa Claus. He asked for a new car—but come Christmas there was no car in his sock. It could be that he has been a "bad boy."

Biggest question in Project Section, "Why

BACK COVER

The photograph of the snow scene was taken along the walkway in the gardens at the rear of the Pannill House on Church Street.

was Paul Schuh under his car instead of in it Christmas Eve on Church Street Extension?"

Don Martin requests spontaneous combustion and canned heat for use on the next coal pile survey unless the weather is warmer.

Cy Fraser has been working a double shift this past month due to the illness of his wife. We hope Mrs. Fraser has fully recovered by now and Cy can go back to his normal shift.

By Lucille Hodges

PERSONNEL

After consuming the best portions of four or five cows at the Personnel party on December 27, an impromptu program was hatched up by Harry Beach, Harry Daughtry and Jean Critz.

The first victim, Sherlie Brammer, told us about getting married. If you want to know what she said, ask her and see if you can get any more out of her than we did.

With spring just around that proverbial corner, Frannie Hampton gave a vivid description of her Easter bonnet—lavender, chartreuse, blue, pink, purple, fuchsia and any other colors you want to throw in.

Marv Lentz gave us a typical half-time pep talk but Bill Randolph felt sorry for him and gave us Knute Rockne's speech to the Notre Dame team when they played Army.

Bill also gave a repeat performance on taking his shower just before the party.

Along the sentimental side, Toddy Young gave a two-word farewell speech. Then we called on Buzz for a few words and he had a ten-page lecture already prepared. Best of luck to both of you.

By Jean Critz

PRODUCTION CONTROL

We hope that Ted Cole will get that swimming pool in tip-top shape on his new farm by summer, as we understand part of his vacation was to be spent "down on de farm."

We girls were all in a dither for Ann Prillaman the other day when we saw her with a picture of a handsome young football hero—later learned it was her brother.

We wish to welcome back in our midst Ann Prillaman and Jessie Durham who have been out sick.

Welcome back to Frank Andrews and Harold Dorton, who have recently been released from military service.

By Hattie Cook

MEDICAL

Grethel Miller hit the jackpot with Santa Claus this past year—everything from a double strand of pearls on up to a hot water bottle.

Hilma Nease suffered equally as well and, in addition, is looking forward to her birthday in February for a postseason visit from "His Nibs."

Dr. Dickerson suffered the other way during the balmy Christmas holiday season by spending a few early morning hours on Christmas Eve out in the snow and ice chaining his car up to a working level.

Frances Richardson and Louise Compton received two pre-Christmas presents from the plant. Five-year pins—nice work, chillen!

Elizabeth Layman, our new nurse, ended the old year up properly by taking "C" Shift upon herself. Welcome to the clan, Elizabeth!

By Margie Jacobs

PURCHASING

We are glad to report that Lloyd Riggan's daughter, who is in the hospital in Roanoke, is getting along nicely. Ditto his brother, who is in the hospital in Richmond.

Ed Minnick took off for his home, Abingdon, Va., to spend the Christmas holidays.

By Imogene Davis

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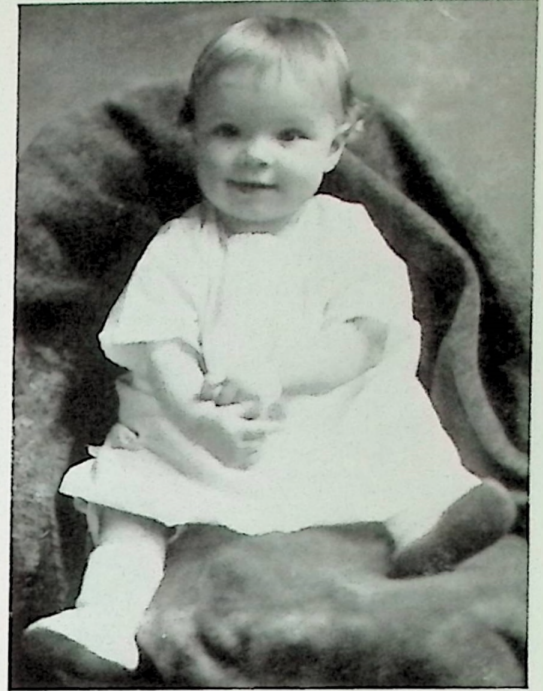
Can You "Guess Who"?



(One)



(Two)



(Three)



(Four)



(Five)

The little boy in picture Number Four looks as though he didn't like the idea of posing for his picture but we guarantee he has outgrown that tendency with the passing years. He used to be a car salesman before coming to work in P. & S. We might give this one more hint which is really a give away—his brother works on the same shift.

In picture Number Five, it looks as though this little gal is going to sleep standing up. But then again, to be sure she wouldn't have that grin on her face if she were asleep, unless she were having a very nice dream. Anyhow, this "babe" now works in Textile on "A" Shift and has a sister in Process Control.

In picture Number One we see a cute little baby with a shiny head and very much interested in what goes on while her picture is being taken. She was born in North Carolina, but by this time, she has become a good Virginian and at present is forelady on Day Crew Textile. One more hint, they say she claims Ernie Alcorn, Shops, is an uncle.

There can be no mistake about who the handsome curly-haired young gent is in picture Number Two, because some people say he hasn't changed a bit—handsome and all. But in case you need a couple hints, he hails from the Midwest, is foreman on "B" Shift, P. & S., and just about three months ago became the proud daddy of a baby boy named Roger.

This bright-eyed, chubby little gal in picture Number Three grew up to teach in the High School here in Martinsville, but soon decided to cast her lot with Du Pont as a forelady in Textile. Right now you will find her flitting around the Cafeteria. Please notice the position of her hands in the photo and you will soon recall that she still has the same characteristic.

Bill Woodruff Joins Process Development

Bill Woodruff became a member of the Process Development Group of the Martinsville organization October 4, 1945.

Bill started his company service in June, 1942, at the Indiana Ordnance Works, immediately upon completion of his work for the B. S. degree in Chemical Engineering at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa. At the Indiana Ordnance Works, he was assigned to a group headed by R. C. Grills for his training. After more than 3 years, he again has Ray Grills for his supervisor. During those 3 years, however, Bill has worked in various plants. After training, he went to Oklahoma Ordnance Works in July, 1942. It was here that Bill spent his longest working period at any one place. It could have been because of a girl, Robbie Lee Baker, whom he met there and later married.

From Oklahoma Ordnance, Bill was sent to Clinton Engineering Works at Oakridge, Tenn., as Instrument Engineer on the Atomic Bomb Project. In April, 1945, at the Sunflower Ordnance Works, Lawrence, Kan., Bill was familiarized with rocket powder processes and then sent to Plant II of the Indiana Ordnance Works as Process Control Engineer.



Charlie Keith Joins Project Engineering

The Project Engineering Group has been sporting a new member for the last month or so, in the person of Charlie Keith, who has been transferred from Seaford Nylon to Martinsville. Charlie is new to Martinsville but is an old-timer with Du Pont, having about 20 years service to his credit. Most of that 20 years has been spent on construction projects in such places as Old Hickory, Tenn.; Richmond; Louviers, Colo.; Baton Rouge, La.; Seaford, Del., and others, making a total of eighteen different projects. His first job with Du Pont was as a pipefitter helper in Birmingham, Ala., in January, 1927. From there, Charlie worked as Pipefitter, Rigger, Pipe Foreman, Area Engineer and General Foreman.

At the beginning of operations at Seaford, Charlie transferred from Construction to the Engineering Section as Pipefitter Foreman and finally got up nerve enough to ask Elizabeth Elizer from Tennessee to be Mrs. Keith. They were married in the summer of 1940 and have one child, Alice Anita. The Keiths expect to move to Martinsville by the end of January.



STORES

Could all this peace and quiet around the office be due to Kathryn Garst being on vacation? ?

Welcome back to Katie Chitwood who was recently discharged from the Waves.

We can't get used to that gold band Julian Taylor is wearing. Congratulations and lots of luck, Taylor. And, by the way, did you collect that "greenback" from Johnnie Garst?

A new arrival? ? ? ? Sure—William Andrew Geoghegan, Jr., who is to be known as "Andy," arrived at 1:30 p. m., on December 13. Congratulations, Bill!

Buck Lambeth has the jump on everyone—as he already has a coop full of fryers.

John Burnett got the one and only present in the Stores. If you want to know the name of it, ask Arthur Dandridge, better known as "Little Boy."

Jess Dupee outwitted Jack Hill for the job of dipping cream. Jess kept his fingers crossed and Jack forgot, as usual.

By C. O. Pratt

PROCESS CONTROL

We are glad to have Nell Stanley, Mary Satterfield, Lovelene Hensley, Cecil Brown and Mary Marion back with us after being out sick for some time.

Grace Hoyle left us to become Mrs. Forrest Barrett. They are making their home in Henderson, N. C.

Tolitha Dillon is happy to have her husband home again.

We hear that Ada Cox and Grace Prillaman are very much interested in learning to cook these days.

George Ainsley had a nice time playing Santa Claus for his niece and nephew.

Myrtle Rutledge visited relatives in Leaks-ville and got snowbound.

By Myrtle Rutledge
Dot Hensley
Ina Woodall

ACCOUNTING

Now that Hank is home—are you making any definite plans, Emilie?

Clara Prillaman now wears a diamond on the third finger, left hand.

Gladys Campbell and Mary Holt Hill picked a good time for vacationing. Steno is really snowed under after having a holiday.

Mary Fitzgerald went home for Christmas and from all reports, her home town was buzzing. Tell us your secret, Mary, we've never had three dates in one night! !

Mattie Myers had a visit from Santa and the "old boy" left nylons! We won't say which old boy but we do know he doesn't have a long, white beard.

The Time Office sends congratulations to Lib and Henry on the arrival of William Fleming Pace.

We knew Virginia Snow was a lover of Glenn Miller's music, but since Christmas she hums only "A String of Pearls"—why, Virginia?

Helen Draper sure was worn out the first day after Christmas from wearing all those Christmas gifts. Popular girl, I'd say.

Wilmer Noble seemed to have had a wonderful trip to Wilmington. So nice, in fact, they want him to come and stay. We will certainly miss him. Best of luck to you, Wilmer.

Ruth Morris met Santa Claus coming down the chimney. Well, it looked like Santa.

Eliza Lester no longer has to go around singing, "Daddy, I Want a Diamond Ring," because Santa brought it to her.

Mary Frith was all smiles a few days before Christmas. Coy was discharged and home for the holidays.



Safety Suggestions Adopted

December, 1945

POLYMER AND
SPINNING
Lewis E. Brown

MAINTENANCE
Morton A. Brown
Owen C. Thomasson
W. J. Koger

POWER
J. R. Pyle
PROCESS CONTROL
Dorothy A. Hensley
ACCOUNTING
Hazel G. Hensley

The Cost Section is mighty glad to welcome back Grit Fry, Bill Wright and Francis King.

By Ruth Stultz

MAINTENANCE

We welcome Archie Hughes back with us after serving three years in the U. S. Army.

Holland Pace has the "Georgia Blues" and is longing for a good look at one of those "Tall Georgia Pines."

All Jim Torrey needs to go to and from work this time of year is a pair of skis.

We welcome Richard Witt back to work after being out sick with flu.

We all wonder whether Bill Lehman ever gets in the "dog house." We understand he has that little black dog really trained.

We knew that sooner or later Bob Markham would be bothered with ghosts.

We are glad to have Arlie Faunce with us while Cookie is taking a vacation.

John Handy circulated quite freely Christmas Day despite the inclement weather. Rumor is that he was making a final test of the Chevrolet he has recently acquired.

By T. D. Alexander
P. H. Hutchens

TEXTILE MAINTENANCE

Bob Farris made the trip to Tennessee just fine, but he got stuck in his own driveway.

Charlie Carter should have had some safety signs around his hog scalding vat last week—especially one reading "Lift with your legs, and not your back."

If anyone wants to buy some sweet potatoes, see Noel Wood. He says they are taking too much of his cover these long, cold nights.

If anyone gets stuck in the snow, just call on Ken Mizell. He's a great hand at helping people out of trouble.

They say John Koger has a lot of explaining to do to his wife since receiving a few Christmas cards. How will you talk yourself out of this one, John?

By Henry Duncan

SHOPS

The Maintenance Section welcomes Jack Hoggard, Bo Wade and Numa McDaniel—just released from military service. Expected back soon are: Bill Thompson, recently of the Seabees; Tom Philpott and Joe Stillwell are on their way back to the States, and Bill Walton is on his way back to the U. S. on furlough.

We understand that Sutton, Ford, McFadin and Lockridge, all of Highland Street, are petitioning the "City Fathers" to build them a

new street—they can't find the old one since it rained.

Before we could welcome Virginia Young to Maintenance, she's gone again, as is Rachel Montgomery. The Maintenance Office is getting to be a stag affair.

We are happy to report Arlie Faunce is back on solid ground again.

By Hamp Dyches

POWER

"Slim" Ferguson had a very pleasant Christmas but not much success as Santa Claus. He could not convince the children even when he telephoned instead of making a personal appearance.

Our report in the December issue resulted in Irvin Locke being selected for K. P. duty at home.

The recent birthday anniversary of Gene Clay and daughter was celebrated at home with a dinner party.

The Power Area is glad to welcome back R. L. Clary and W. L. Hedgecock in Operations, and Ed Wiseman in the Results Group. All these boys saw service with Uncle Sam.

We're glad to have Tom Cruise back after his recent operation.

By Guy Williams

POWER SERVICE

Ross Yearout, U. S. Army, was a recent plant visitor.

John Ed Warren informs us that he has moved into his new home, and that your home is your castle if you have someone to rule it for you.

Bill Russell reports a nice visit with the home folks over the holiday season. He claims he "slid" back into Martinsville about 2:00 a. m., December 26th.

Ask George Clemens about his brand-new 15-year service pin. Who does the "buck and wing"? Who does card tricks? Who sings a Christmas Carol during the presentation ceremonies?

Frank Ryan reports that he had a very enjoyable Christmas day cutting out paper dolls.

John O'Neal, U. S. Navy, was a recent visitor to Martinsville, and has high hopes of being back with us in the near future.

Frank Martin returned to work recently after serving with the armed forces.

By Earl Collins

INSPECTION AND SHIPPING

We have some very generous gals in Inspection—Margaret Mills passed out chocolate candy to everyone and Charlotte Rickman let us sample her perfume from France.

Page Bryant married Francis King November 30th. The very best of luck to you both!

Gloris Vaughn was voted prettiest girl at a local dance recently.

Jimmy Roden had a birthday December 19th. The whole gang sang "Happy Birthday" to him, and Art McGinty presented him with a pickle and an orange.

Irma Fulcher and Zonie Dillon are now wearing the traditional diamonds, along with Ruth Terrell.

Curtis Fain fell on the ice and fractured his ankle. Here's hoping you will be well soon.

We welcome to the Inspection Area: Virginia Stowe, Viola Davis, Julia Davis and Zonie Dillon.

By Claude Martin

GUESS WHO

Number One—Dot Cummings; Number Two—George Porter; Number Three—Frances Wells; Number Four—Dave Souther; Number Five—Christine Martin

SCATTER SHOTS

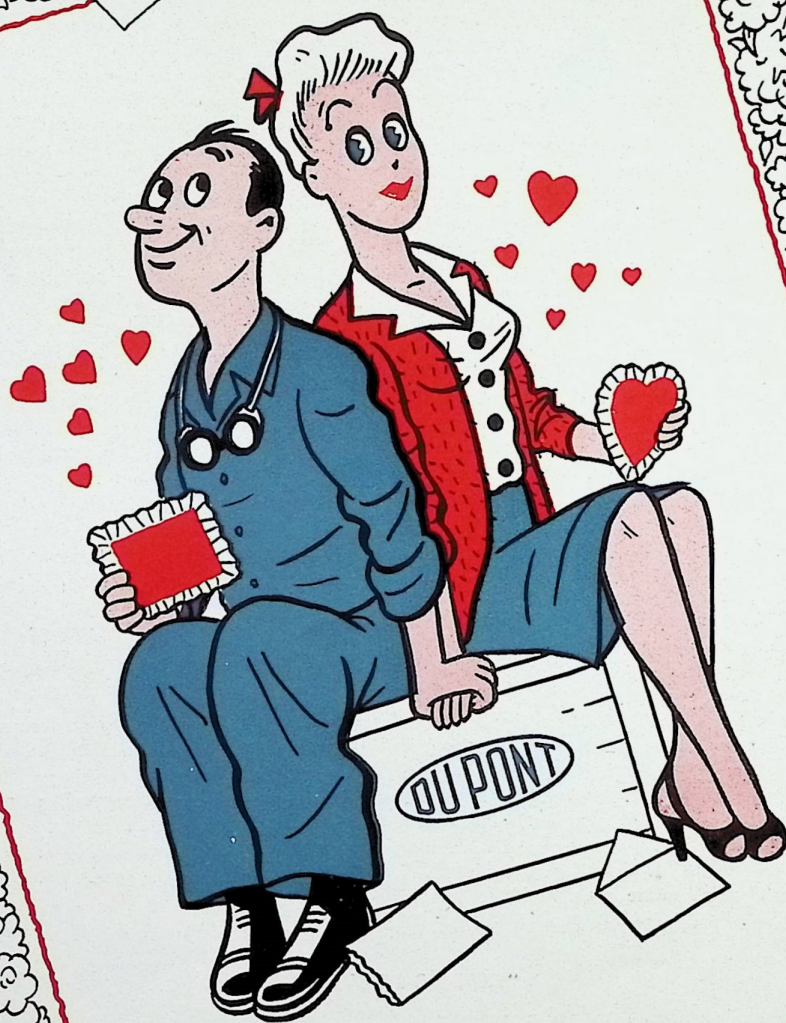


1—Phillip Prillaman is keeping his distance with that acid tank. 2—High altitudes seem to have no ill effect on Cliff Cunningham. 3—Phones save many steps for Hobson Sandidge, especially when he wants somebody in the office adjoining his. 4—Under the watchful eye of "Doc" Shockley, Grethel Miller and Mary Tawney, a successful operation was completed by "Doc" Dickerson. 5—Harlan Major tried to duck from the camera but was caught in time. 6—Lewis Goodwin, Johnny Chaffin and Lloyd Riggan are waiting their turn. 7—"Buzz" Bussard smiling over Wilmington prospects. 8—The new hires list gets a "going-over" by Emily Hensley and Bill Randolph. 9—"The angle" was assumed by Lucille Hodges.



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FEBRUARY, 1946

"From Your Valentine"

St. Valentine's Day, its origin or source, goes back some two thousand years to the days of pagan culture in ancient Rome. The custom of sending Valentines, however, did not begin until fifteen hundred years later, during Chaucer's time. Although the holiday is deeply rooted in antiquity, many of its early customs are still observed today.

The ancient Romans thought the birds began their mating for spring nest-making on February 14. This they accepted as an omen from their gods that man should do likewise. So, on this day, the Feast of Lupercalia was held to the pastoral gods, Lupercus and Pan, and to the goddess, Juno. During the festivities, Roman maidens placed their names in an urn set up in a public square. Unmarried men had the privilege of drawing a name from the urn, in this manner receiving an introduction to the maiden. It was hoped that this lottery method of introduction would lead to a permanent romance.

After the advent of Christianity the Feast of Lupercalia and the love lottery persisted, notwithstanding the fact that the Church frowned upon the festival as a pagan celebration. The Church leaders were unwilling to endorse a pagan rite, but realized that the basic idea was sound. They got around the objections by dedicating the day to St. Valentine, patron of the amorous.

There were actually seven St. Valentines, but THE St. Valentine was a young Roman priest who was beheaded on February 14, 276 A. D., for refusing to denounce his faith in Christianity. It is said that during the imprisonment preceding his execution, he formed a friendship with his jailer's blind daughter. His farewell message to her was signed, "From Your Valentine," thus establishing a phrase for Valentines which has carried down through the ages.

While St. Valentine's Day was celebrated to some extent throughout Europe, to England goes the credit for developing February 14 into an exciting lovers' festival. Even the custom of the lottery was continued until the early 1700's.

The first English Valentines were probably written during Chaucer's time. From the 1400's there are records indicating that they had become an established custom. An early Valentine, preserved in the British Museum in London, is one written in 1415 by Charles, Duke of Orleans, to his wife while he was imprisoned in the Tower of London after the Battle of Agincourt.

Proof of the importance of this holiday to the English people is found in the writings of many famous English literary men. In the fourteenth century, John Lydgate penned a Valentine rhyme in praise of Catherine, wife of Henry V. Chaucer, referred to St. Valentine's Day in "The Cuckoo and the Nightingale." Shakespeare mentioned the lover's

holiday in both "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "Hamlet," as did other poets of his era. Samuel Pepys made notes in his famous diaries, from 1660 to 1667, about events which concerned St. Valentine's Day. Ben Johnson, Gay, Goldsmith, Spencer and many others referred to St. Valentine's Day in their writings.

Until the 1800's, in England, it was the custom to begin festivities on St. Valentine's Eve in a rather prankish manner. Young men would leave gifts on the door steps of young ladies they were courting with unsigned Valentine notes attached. They would knock at the door and dash away before the knock was answered. One Valentine, popular with St. Valentine's Eve pranksters, took the form of an oversized envelope with many smaller envelopes enclosed, the tiniest one containing a message in this vein: "Happy is he who expects nothing and he will not be disappointed."

In some towns in England it was the custom for the suitor to attach his Valentine to an apple or an orange and toss it through an open window of his sweetheart's home.

The seventeenth and eighteenth centuries saw the Valentine taking the shape and design we know today. Valentine sending from the eighteenth century to the last quarter of the nineteenth century was done in all seriousness, for the handsome missives practically constituted a proposal of marriage. Until the end of the eighteenth century, the women were on the receiving end. The men did all the courting by Valentines and the women waited at home on Valentine's Day to watch for signs of their popularity.

The most popular Valentine for Servicemen in World War I was one which had a surface prepared with a coating of gum arabic on which the girl of your dreams could impress her lips. Underneath the specially prepared space, in the center of a patriotic design, was the following verse:

A KISS FOR YOU!

*For Uncle Sam you're fighting and it makes me love you so
That I send a kiss in the snake above to take where'er you go.*

The question of the day on February 14 still is, "Will you be my Valentine?" though the manner of embellishing and putting the question may have changed with the times. There are still the lacy Valentines for those looking for the grand gesture to express their sentiments in the hearts and flowers tradition of earlier days of Valentine exchanging. Most of them, however, are more simple and practical than the ornate offerings of the dear departed days. But there is no lessening of genuine sentiment.

"HOW DO I LOVE THEE?"

*How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.
I love thee to the depth and breadth and height
My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight
For the ends of Being and ideal Grace.
I love thee to the level of every day's
Most quiet need, by sun and candle-light.
I love thee freely, as men strive for Right;
I love thee purely, as men turn from Praise.
I love thee with the passion put to use
In my old griefs, and with my childhood's faith.
I love thee with a love I seemed to lose
With my lost saints—I love thee with the breath,
Smiles, tears, of all my life!—and, if God choose,
I shall but love thee better after death.*

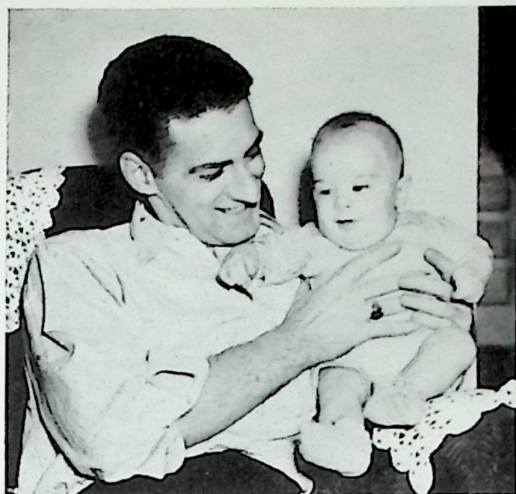
ELIZABETH BARRETT BROWNING



George L. Porter --- 10 Years

George was born in Wilkinsburg, Pa., a suburb of Pittsburgh, in October of 1915 to Mr. and Mrs. William H. Porter. George's father, by the way, worked for the Du Pont Company as Fire Chief in many of its ammunition and ordnance plants. Because of this, the Porter family moved about several times during the war. George was only 2½ when he was first introduced to Virginia at a place called Pennaman, where during World War I the Du Pont Company had a shell-loading plant. (The town of Pennaman has long since disappeared.)

George moved with his family to Arlington, N. J., from there to Parlin. In 1934, he decided to follow in his father's footsteps and was employed by Du Pont at the plastics plant in Leominster, Mass., as apprentice pipefitter. During the recession of 1938, George was laid off for lack



George Porter and Friend

of work and for a time, was in private business selling window displays and interior decorating. He was called back to work in 1939 as a floorman in the toothbrush area.

Each year, the Company at Leominster had a minstrel show, which was put on by the employees. It was while participating in one of these shows that George met Hazel Clapper who was also employed by Du Pont. They were married in 1940. There is one son, Roger, age 5 months.

George became interested in the future of nylon and early in 1940 was employed at Seaford in the solution area. He was transferred to Martinsville as Head Solution Operator, Process Control, in 1941. In the fall of '43, he was promoted to Foreman, assigned to "A" Shift, P. & S. At present, George is Foreman of the first three floors in Spinning on "B" Shift.



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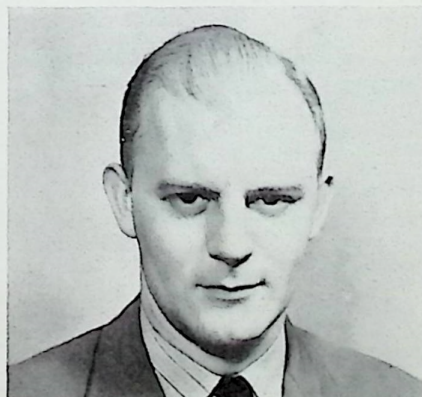
C. R. Carmichael
Power



Ernest Moore
Polymer and Spinning



Grady Holley
Polymer and Spinning



Charles Russell
Methods and Standards



Robert Koger
Textile Maint.



John Exley
Polymer and Spinning

Home Again

ROBERT HUTCHINS

A Submariner and a darn good one—that's the way his shipmates referred to Bob Hutchins, Mo. M. M. 2/c, when he was in the Navy. Bob served on the U. S. S. *Tunney* in the Pacific as a Diesel repairman for 27 months. During that time, the *Tunney* accounted for 19 enemy ships (14 merchant, 2 carriers, 1 sub, and 2 destroyers).

His discharge became final December 15, and he is now at work in P. & S. Bob's decorations include the Asiatic and Pacific Ribbon with three Stars, the Submarine Combat Insignia with two Gold Stars.

EDWARD COMPTON

Before Ed Compton enlisted in the A. A. F., he had no idea there was any such place as Ascension Island; but before he received his discharge at Bowling Field, Wash., November 10, 1945, he had spent over three months there, helping the A. T. C. push planes across the Atlantic.

Twenty months of his service were spent in Natal, Brazil, as a flight operation clerk, which, according to Ed, was not "bad duty." The three months spent on Ascension Island were, so he says, "the longest, loneliest three months of his life."

Ed is now back on the job in P. & S., "D" Shift.

WILLIAM R. PERDUE

Bill Perdue was first assigned to the Medics after induction in the Army; but before he left for overseas in June, '43, he was transferred to an Ordnance outfit as a mechanic. On arrival in France, he was assigned to the 880th Ordnance Company servicing trucks and tanks of the First Army.

When the war ended, Bill was stationed at Fulda near Frankfurt, Germany. His outfit was one of the first scheduled to leave for redeployment to the Pacific but by the time they got back to the States, the Pacific war had ended. Final discharge papers were issued November 30, and Bill came to work in P. & S.

ARTHUR DEW

Corporal Arthur Dew landed in France at Utah Beach just six days after D-Day, as a part of the 79th Infantry Division manning a 105 mm. Artillery Unit. His outfit was the first into Cherbourg. After the city was cleared, they traveled up the coast to Laval and on into Belgium and Alsace-Lorraine.

Arthur, of course, has had plenty of combat experience, some of it hand to hand fighting. At one time, after they had crossed over into Germany, Arthur captured eleven prisoners.

He left from Marseilles for home on a troop transport which landed him at Newport News, December 22. He received his discharge at Ft. Bragg on the 29th.

JAMES WASHBURN

Private First Class Washburn was inducted into the Army in July of 1943, and after training, was assigned to the 283d Field Artillery scheduled for shipment to England. They left New York in May of '44. August 9, found Jim landing on Omaha beach as a truck driver. Their 105 mm. guns chased the Nazis through Belgium and Holland into Germany, stopping at Julich when the Nazis counter-attacked to the south starting the Battle of the Bulge. Of course, Jim's outfit which "would drive 300 miles to get to a fight," dashed south to join in the fight. Jim left for home, December 3, 1945, and was discharged December 21.

CASSIE THACKER

Sergeant Cassie Thacker went from the production place of nylon to the consumption place when she enlisted in the WAC in January, 1944. After her basic at Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., and a short duty as file clerk at an Anti-Aircraft Base in California, she was assigned to Ft. Benning, Ga., to a "rigger school" to learn the technique of packing a nylon parachute that was "sure to open." For the next 17 months, Cassie packed nylon parachutes at Benning for those boys who were practicing jumps. There is no question about the importance of her job.

Her discharge at Ft. Bragg was effective November 24, 1945, and she is now on "C" Shift in Textile.

DAVE CUNNINGHAM

Dave Cunningham landed on Omaha Beach with the First Army five days after D-Day with the 105th Howitzer Company behind the 29th Division. After the battle at St. Lo, he was transferred, because of heavy losses, to a rifle company where he stayed until January 18, when he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the field, for his leadership. During the fighting around Bastogne, Dave distinguished himself by causing the capture of 22 Germans (See July BLENDER). He later joined the Ninth again as it crossed the Rhine, and moved with it up to Kenford, Germany (the closest point to Berlin reached by American combat troops).

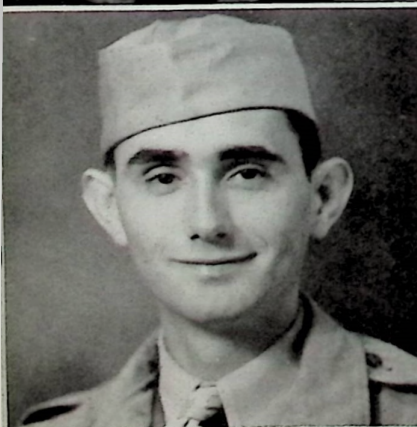
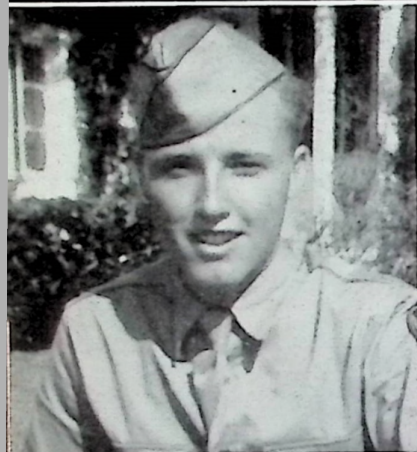
He was discharged December 31, and is now back in Maintenance.

HARVEY SHELTON

Harvey was assigned as a Cannoneer, to the 546th A. A. Battalion which, in November, '42, was just getting ready for maneuvers in the desert preparatory to duty in the South Pacific.

When overseas orders came, they read "Europe" instead of "Pacific," so Harvey boarded the *Queen Elizabeth* in April, '44, for England, Omaha Beach and France. After the original fighting, Allied planes controlled the air and the anti-aircraft guns were used as artillery in support of the infantry at St. Lo, Ardennes, Verdun, Belgium, and Austria.

Harvey landed in New York, December 14, after being seasick for 3,000 miles. He was discharged Dec. 19, and is now back at work in P. & S., on "B" Shift.



Home Again

ROBERT K. BINGHAM

Bob was inducted June 6, 1942, at Ft. Bragg, N. C. After six months of basic training with the 81st Infantry Division, he went to Kansas City to Advance Radio School. At Camp Young, Bob was transferred to Fourth Armored Signal Battalion and after six or seven more months in the States, left for England.

August 6, 1944, his battalion landed on Utah Beach in France and was attached to the Third Army. When the war ended, Bob was in Austria.

He was among the first to reach the Buchanwald Concentration Camp, just 24 hours after it was liberated.

He left Marseille for home and landed in Newport News, Va., October 23, 1945. From there he was sent to Ft. Bragg where he received his discharge five days later.

HARRY HUTCHINSON

There is hardly an island in the Pacific that Harry Hutchinson has not at least seen during the last three years with the Navy. His commission as Communications Officer brought him the assignment to the U. S. S. *Regulas*, a Navy cargo ship, at that time at Pearl Harbor. As soon as he joined the crew, the *Regulas* started on a ferry service between island bases in the Pacific, which was to cover thousands of miles, carry thousands of fighting men from one front to another and tons and tons of supplies to keep them there.

Their last assignment called for ferrying occupation troops to Japan and Shanghai, China. Harry was discharged November 22, and returned to work in the Cost Group in Maintenance.

NORMAN EDWARDS

Norman enlisted in the Air Corps October, '42. He is probably the only man in the A. A. P., who, because his records were lost, had to take his "basic" twice. After the second "basic," he went to a cook and bakery school prior to shipment overseas in June, '43. For 15 months after arriving at Hawaii, Norman served as a cook until he was transferred to the Signal Corps as radio operator. Fourteen months later, he left Hawaii for home and discharge in October. He reported for work on "A" Shift, P. & S., December 18.

LESTER BOWMAN

After training in the U. S., which included five months' maneuvers in the Arizona desert with Eighth Mechanized Cavalry, Lester Bowman sailed for England and Ireland just before Christmas, 1943. He landed at Omaha Beach, July 4, with the Third Army. During the intense fighting for Brest, Lester was severely wounded, which caused him to be sent back to a base hospital in England, the 67th General. He came back to the States on the *Queen Mary*, in December, '44, to the Holland General Hospital for a five-day stay until he could be moved to the Hammond General at Modesto, Cal. Two more operations were performed here and after a recuperation period he was discharged November 15. Lester is now back at work in P. & S.

IKE L. ANDERSON

In the Army only four months, Ike left Camp Shanks, N. Y., on May 26, 1943, for Scotland. For further training, he went to Liverpool, England, where he stayed for fourteen months. While there, he did clerical work for three months.

A month after D-Day, Ike landed on Omaha Beach and was assigned to headquarters of the 12th Army Group. With this group he saw action in France, Luxembourg, Belgium, and when the war ended, he was in Weisbaden, Germany.

Ike was sent to Marseille for redeployment to the Pacific but with the war over out there, he was sent back to the States. October 14, 1945, he landed at New York Harbor and went to Ft. Meade to receive his discharge six days later.

PAUL DALTON

After induction on September 19, 1942, Paul was sent to Camp Forrest, Tenn., for basic and advance training with the 80th Division of the Field Artillery. Eight weeks of maneuvers in Tennessee, three weeks of desert training in Kansas and California, then they were sent to a P. O. E.

In July, '44, Paul sailed on the *Queen Mary* for England where he stayed until he crossed the Channel to France on August 5. As a forward observer, Paul went with the Third Army through France and into Luxembourg. Here he was wounded, and after six weeks in a Field Hospital, was evacuated to England for another six weeks.

On October 1, 1945, Paul landed in Newport News, Va., and sixteen days later received his discharge at Ft. Meade.

ESPA STANLEY

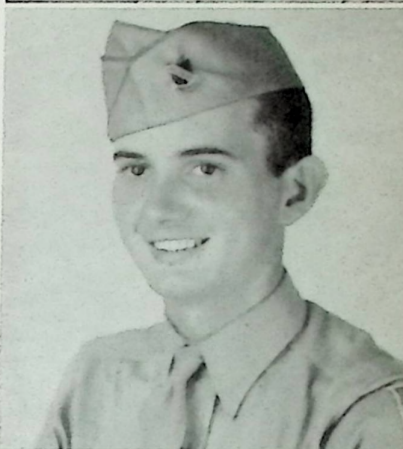
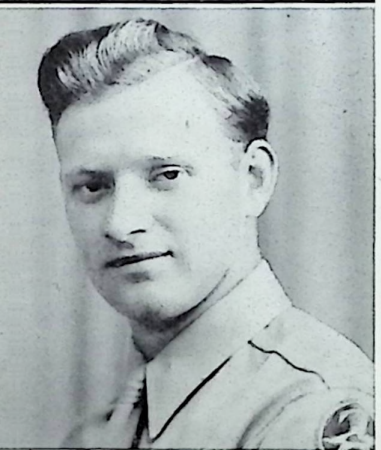
Espa Stanley is now an old seafaring man after his 40 months in the Navy, all of which time except the first 5 or 6 months was spent on the Cruiser *Marblehead*. The first duty of the *Marblehead* after Espa joined her crew was convoying troops and supplies across the Atlantic. Then came participation in the invasion of France at Normandy and also the landing at Marseilles.

In October, '44, the *Marblehead* was transferred to the Pacific, which gave Espa an opportunity to see more of the world at war. He took part in the invasions of Saipan, Guam, Tinian, and Iwo Jima. In September, Espa was sent back to the States for discharge which he received October 28 at Camp Shelton.

CHARLES SHELBURNE

If you want to find out about the intensity of Atlantic storms and how tough they are on both ship and crew, just ask Charlie Shelburne, BM 1/c, a former crew member of D. E. 215. Charlie made 18 crossings between January, '43, and March, '44, most of which were in convoy work. Their biggest fight was against the elements rather than the Germans.

In March, the D. E. was converted to an A. P. D. and sent to the Pacific to serve as a troop and equipment carrier in the island invasions. Charles' stay in the Pacific was short-lived, however, and he was sent back to the States on the Carrier *Ticonderoga* for discharge in October, 1945.



Home Again

HAROLD DORTON

Harold took his "basic" in the A. A. F., at Langley Field; Pre-flight at Maxwell Field, Ala.; and Primary at Decatur, Ala., and Walnut Ridge, Ark.

Harold was transferred to Aircraft Mechanics School in August and after training on B-24's at Kessler Field and the Consolidated Plant in California, left the States for New Caledonia, assigned to the 13th Bomber Command, Headquarter Squadron. As the war moved toward Japan, the 13th moved forward to Los Negros, Wakde, Noemfoor, Montoi and Clark Field in the Philippines. All this time, Harold was crew leader on the maintenance of aircraft.

He left Clark Field for home November 5 and received his discharge December 7, at Ft. Bragg. Harold works in Production Control.

CYRIL BARKER

From November, '43, to April, '44, when he "shipped" for England, Cyril spent most of his time getting ready for the future job in Europe. He landed at Omaha Beach, July 23, with the Third Army Infantry and went on across France, Belgium, into Germany.

When V-E Day came, Cyril was in Erlanger, Germany. He was transferred to Munich Airport as reservation clerk until time came for him to head toward the States and home in September, '45. He received his discharge at Ft. Bragg, November 29.

BILLY HOLLAND

Billy enlisted in the Air Corps in November, 1942, and received his "basic" at Miami Beach, after which came five months college at Middle Georgia College. His flight training took him to something like 15 different bases ending at Charleston. Just as Flight Officer Holland's group was about to leave for Europe, V-E Day canceled orders and they were scheduled for the Pacific, however, V-J Day caught them at Selman Field, La. They were then assigned to a training school, flying cadets in C-47's over the Gulf for navigational training.

Billy was discharged November 26, and is working on "A" Shift, P. & S.

SANFORD ROBERTS

In part, Sergeant Sanford Roberts is responsible for the great showing Russia made during the War, since after his induction in March, '43, and "basic," he spent most of his time in Canada helping move aircraft across the Arctic Circle to our Russian Allies.

Sanford spent 23 months at Ft. Nelson, British Columbia, as personnel sergeant major in charge of pay roll, service records, enlisted classification, etc. The closest town, Edmonton, was 600 airline miles away and the only way to get there was by the air. Sanford managed to make the trip while on leave just two times during the 23 months.

He was discharged November 28, and is now on "B" Shift, P. & S.

HERMAN REEVES

Corporal Reeves spent 25 months in the Army beginning with induction in September, '43. After training, Herman left the States, June, '44, on the *Mauretania* bound for England and Utah Beach in France. On reaching Paris, he was assigned to the 100th Fighter Wing as teletype and switchboard operator in the Intelligence Section at Treamont. This Intelligence Section went right along with the Third Army into Germany until they reached Frankfurt where Intelligence was to set up headquarters.

After V-E Day, Herman's group was all set to ship to the Pacific and had actually got to sea when orders were changed and they were re-routed to the States for discharge October 31.

WHITTEN GREGORY

Entering the Army in September, '42, meant not only the change from one uniform to another for Whitten Gregory. It also meant he was to participate in some of the most rugged, toughest fighting of the European war. He crossed the Channel with the Third Army, which began to drive the Germans back to their holes through St. Lo. His unit closed the Argutan-Falaise Gap, spearheaded the Fourth Army across France. Because of such strong oppositions, it took five weeks to cross the Moselle River. Whitten was wounded here and sent back to England.

He rejoined his unit in Austria and greeted the Russians on V-E Day. He has the Combat Infantry Badge, Purple Heart, Bronze Star among his decorations.

GROVER KEYS

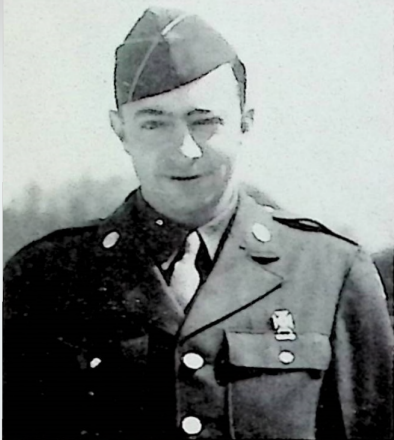
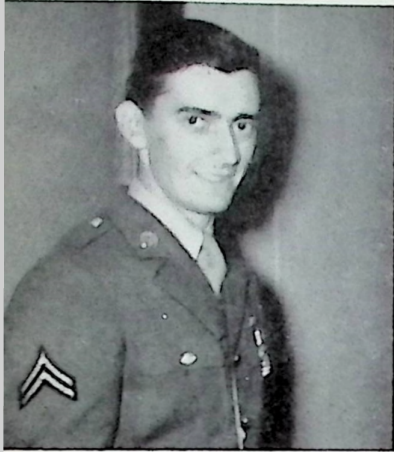
Grover enlisted in the Navy in September, '42. He spent the next 15 months in Pensacola, Florida, taking "basic" and going to Aviation Machinist school learning the repair and maintenance of aircraft. In January, 1944, he was transferred to the San Diego Naval Base for eight months, attached to a Carrier Aircraft Service Unit. During this time, they took practice cruises in the Pacific for qualification.

Grover left California for Saipan in March, '45, as Section Leader in line operation. He spent the next eight months there looking after and repairing aircraft after their raids on what was left of the Jap fleet. Discharged Dec. 16.

CURTIS UNDERWOOD

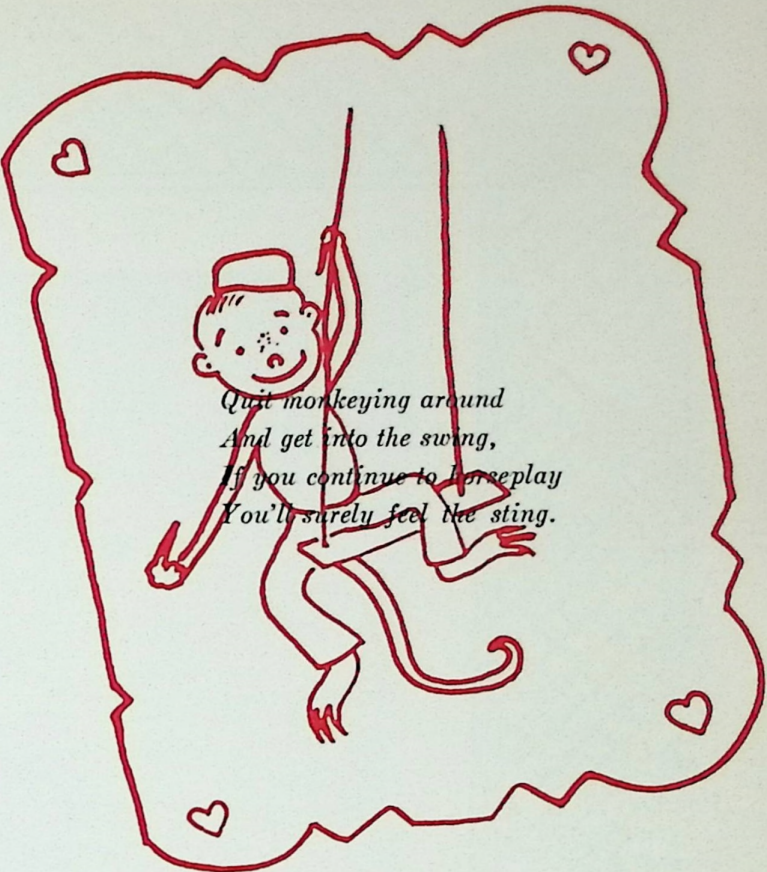
Curtis Underwood stayed in the States four months after his induction in September, '42. He finished his "basic" just in time to join in on the invasion of North Africa at Oran with the 183d Quartermaster Co., attached to the 12th A. A. F. Thirteen months later he left Bizerte for Naples, Italy, where he continued to help in handling supplies and equipment to keep the Air Forces on the wing. His longest stay at any one place while in Italy was at Foggia for 14 months where the 12th established its base.

Curtis left Italy from Naples in November, '45, and arrived at Newport News on Thanksgiving Day, 1945. He received his discharge at Ft. Meade November 27, returning to work on "D" Shift, P. & S., January 7.





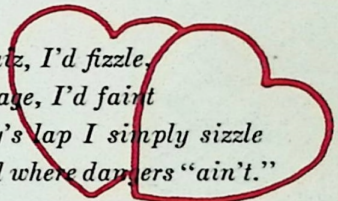
My heart would pound like a hammer
If I could nail you down,
And make you say
I'm playing SAFE and sound



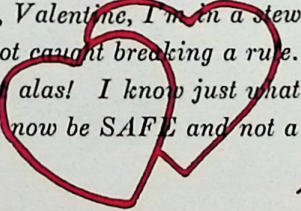
Quit monkeying around
And get into the swing,
If you continue to horseplay
You'll surely feel the sting.



There are lots of things I'd like to say
But I'm so very shy,
If we use SAFETY every day
We'll need no alibis.



On a radio quiz, I'd fizzle,
And on the stage, I'd faint
But on Safety's lap I simply sizzle
I mess around where dangers "ain't."



Oh, Valentine, I'm in a stew
I got caught breaking a rule.
But alas! I know just what to do,
I'll now be SAFE and not a fool.



Bears love honey
I do too;
My honey's dear old SAFETY
And I love you.

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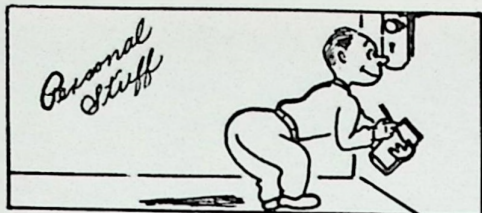
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RESEARCH



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ER THINGS



POLYMER AND SPINNING

"A" SHIFT

Morton Wyatt thinks the machines keep saying Wyatt! Wyatt! Wyatt!

Howard McNeely gave Syl Pritchard the nickname "Glamor boy" on "A" Shift.

Everybody is hoping Bill Turner won't have to go to third floor any more for a rest.

Bill Foddrell is "A" Shift's No. 1 rabbit hunter. He's a one-shot man and kills four rabbits in five minutes.

Bob Price and Morton Prillaman say they know plenty of news for THE BLENDER but are afraid to tell on each other.

We welcome James Washburn, Norman Edwards, Lester Bowman, Dewey Barker, and Grover Keys back to "A" Shift after completing their jobs with Uncle Sam.

Blanche Adkin's favorite song is "Froggie Went a Courting." In fact, she likes it so well she requested it to be played over WMVA every day and gave herself thenick name, "Froggie."

Lester Bowman got transferred to third floor because girls make him nervous.

Norman Edwards, Grover Keys and Curtis Martin will take over the denier room when the girls go back to Textile.

Frances Wells, Loraine Fleming, Evelyn Gauldin and their forelady, Blanche Adkins, are leaving P. & S. to go back to Textile. The boys say they don't know how they can do without girls back here to brighten up the rainy days.

By Frances Wells

NOTE: "A" Shift has appreciated Frances Wells being our Star Reporter for the past several months.

"B" SHIFT

Lewis Brown is still looking for prospective bowlers.

The Shift is mighty glad to have Frank Chitwood back after a long illness.

Best of luck to Charlie Martin, who left us to go on Day Relief.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to John Floyd on the death of his father.

We welcome Ike Anderson and Warren Shelton to the Shift. Both just returned from the Army.

We are sorry to lose Hazel Garrett, Lora Jones, "Teen" Ramsey and Ruby Hoggard to Textile. Best of luck on your new jobs, girls.

Believe it or not—Ned Rorrer has twelve hens that are laying eleven eggs a day!

George Porter is looking for some good liniment to loosen up those aging muscles after a few games of badminton.

If you should see a sign, "Tailor Shop," in the Polymer Area, don't be surprised. Buck Shields has hung out his shingle!

"B" Shift says hello to Randy Bradley, Everett Clark, Grover Flippen, Merhl Moberly, Bob Morris and Clyde Priddy. Thanks a lot for the recent letters and Christmas cards.

By James Witherow

"C" SHIFT

We welcome Arthur Dew and Walter Weaver to our Shift.

John Exley has been doing the shift honor lately. Glad to have you, sailor!

The Denier Room girls are moving on. We wish them lots of success on their new jobs.

Recent name change on "C" Shift—Henry P. Brown to "Homeless P. Brown."

Since the last issue, Walker, Vaden, Divers

and Munchmeyer have been trying to steal "Mac" Clifton's hair formula.

Woods came over to our Shift telling us how he and "Snuffy Smith" Foddrell got thirty rabbits in one day. (Same ole "Slick!")

The next time "Skeeter" Shelburne is offered a "whole tomorrow" for a "half today," I bet he jumps at the proposition.

By Ben Gardner

"D" SHIFT

"D" Shift welcomes Curtis Underwood, Davis Walker and Robert Bingham. We are glad to have you back from the Service, fellows!

We are glad to have Mike Steele and Sterling Minter back on the job after their recent illness.

Santa Claus was really loaded down for Christmas—he left Phoebe Hodges two rings, a necklace and a baby doll. What does the diamond mean, Phoebe?

Beulah Ramsey is quite worried over a place to live when her husband gets out of the Army.

Clyde Fulcher says he is getting larger or his coveralls are drawing up. We think it is Clyde—he has been visiting relatives quite a bit on his vacation!

We are glad that Coy King is able to be back on the job after his brief sickness.

Wonder why "Boney" Copeland wants to sell his bird dog and gun! Aren't the shells loaded, "Boney"?

Al Strickland said he needed more training in the denier room on how to operate the denier reels.

Jim Southern had a big time Christmas playing Santa Claus to the little girls. Some times they are not so little, are they, Jim?

Well, "D" Shift came out on top the first half of the bowling season. Keep 'em rolling down the alley, fellows!

We wonder how Jerry Stultz and Eddie Compton are going to look wearing blue slacks in the denier room.

Maybe Junior Hobson won't be fussing quite as much with Machine 16 undergoing a face lifting.

We are glad to have Wyse Jennings working with us—he was transferred from "A" Shift.

Bill Fowke said he was using his influence on Roland Rhett—now that they are rooming together, Roland is behaving himself nicely. We wonder who is influencing who! !

Bill Fowke must have found a house that he can get in the near future; he plans to join that Royal Order some time this spring, so he won't have to make a trip to Maryland every day he has off!

Basil Setliff and yours truly are having a hard time explaining those scars and bruises about the eyes.

By Claude Minter

DAY CREW AND DAY RELIEF

Welcome to Day Relief, Charlie Martin.

Doug Penn reported a successful vacation despite the bad weather.

"Barnyard" Turner has a lot of work lined up for his vacation.

Murray Bryant tried to find a new formula that would increase his egg production.

Elsie is teaching her daughter to drive that new car.

Nancy has been on a diet for 20 years but still gains!

Naomi dreams of having a Tourist Home? ? ?

By Betty Inman

TEXTILE

"A" SHIFT

At the present time, we find—

Ruth Gilbert making plans for a flower garden this spring—Fern Hylton telling us she doesn't have a boy friend—Mary Ingram eats chicken at least once a day—Marie Smith day-dreaming about a maroon Ford—Louise Plaster and Gracie Odell tap dance in their spare moments—Opal Stowe plans an important event (marriage) in February—Mary Anglin

plays paper dolls—Iris Francis, Cecil Garvey and Gladys Frith being happily reunited with their husbands—Ruth Merriman looking forward to June 18th.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Lucy Jones in the death of her mother.

We welcome Mary Ann Self, Marion Kents, and Billie Smith to our Shift. Also Frances Wells, Lorene Fleming and Blanche Adkins, who were transferred from the Denier Room and Opal Stowe from "C" Shift. By Reva Altice

"B" SHIFT

Welcome to Carrine Stultz and Agnes Dodson.

Frances Tyree sports a diamond—when are we going to hear the wedding bells, Frances?

Frances Hodges and Virginia Wood are all smiles since their husbands are home.

Monroe Sloan so seldom drives his car to work that he called all over the plant to get a ride home and left his car in the parking lot.

Since that sailor went back, Ilene Harmon certainly gets a lot of calls from Washington, D. C.

We are glad there isn't a gasoline shortage since Willa Turner purchased that '46 Ford.

Goldie Harris is on the sick list. We wish you a speedy recovery, Goldie.

By Evelyn Bocock

"C" SHIFT

Virginia Crawford is all smiles now that her husband is back in the States after two years overseas.

Frances Adkins not only got two weeks' vacation, she got a husband, too. When she returns she will be addressed as Mrs. Albert Hunley.

Did you know Leola Atkins no longer explains her conversation by the use of her hands? Can you tell us why, Frances???

Boyce Dillard thinks the old saying, "Let every man take care of himself," is a pretty good policy, especially when there is ice on the ground.

Cassie Robertson became quite a nurse while Eula and Florence were out sick. Which was worse, girls, the remedy or the disease?

We welcome Ernestine Davis and Pauline Wiggington to our shift.

After two years in Service, we are happy to have Cassie Thacker back with us.

Have you heard the latest song hit from "C" Shift? Well, here's the title—"We are Going to Produce Better Quality Like We Never Produced Before."

By Dot Kitts

"D" SHIFT

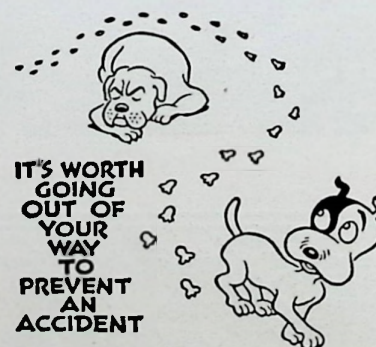
Seen Along Main Isle—

Nora Williams, Dora Prillaman and Thelma Dalton have changed their names. Congratulations, girls.

The girls in "A" section wonder if the red flash was a danger sign? No—it was Myrtle McCormick's face! Why? ?

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BLENDER PUP SAYS . . .



Company Plans and Policies

Below is the first of a series of articles on the various Plans and Policies incorporated under the Industrial Relations Plans of the Du Pont Company. These articles are printed for your benefit—to keep each employee familiar with the benefits offered by his Company. Each employee on this plant comes under these Plans.

Continuity of Service:

The privilege and extent of participation under many of the Plans is governed largely by the length of time an employee has been employed by the Company; consequently the “Continuity of Service Rules” have been adopted in order to define an employee’s length of service and also to determine the condition which causes a break in service.

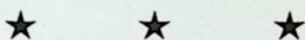
An employee’s service begins on the day he is hired by the Company and continues as long as his name appears on the pay roll or salary roll. However, there are certain cases by which an employee’s service is broken. First: if he is discharged for cause. Second: if he is absent from work for more than sixteen consecutive days without a written leave of absence. Third: if he is laid off because of lack of work and is not rehired within one year. Fourth: if he quits his employment with the Company. In all these above cases, the individual starts again as a new

employee whenever he is rehired by the Du Pont Company.

There is no break in service if an employee is laid off because of lack of work and is rehired within one year, but the time he is absent from work is deducted from his total length of service. Also, there is no break in service if an employee is absent with permission for not more than sixteen consecutive days. Any absence in excess of sixteen consecutive days must be covered by a special written leave of absence in order not to break an employee’s service record. If such leave of absence is granted without pay, the time the employee is absent is deducted from his total service record.

If an employee is granted a leave of absence with pay, or, because of a plant injury is absent, or is being carried on the Disability Wage Roll, his continuity of service and length of service is not effected, except that the amount of his pension is computed upon the actual time of service.

If an employee wishes to cure a break in service, his application must go before the Board of Benefits and Pensions which has the authority to cure breaks in continuity of service that are clearly within the spirit of the Plan.



Comes to Martinsville

On February 4, Emil Johnson joined the Service Section as Personnel Supervisor vice Gordon Bussard, who is transferred to the Personnel Division in Wilmington, effective February 11.



Emil O. Johnson

Emil hails from McKeesport, Pennsylvania, and obtained his B. S. in Chemistry from the College of William and Mary at Williamsburg, Va. His employment with the Du Pont Company began in 1935 at the Richmond Plant as a student operator. Since that time, he has moved up to Assistant Area Supervisor of the Chemical and Spinning Area in Plant II. Emil had not been in Richmond long before he met and married Cornelia Fleming.

While in Richmond, Emil became engrossed in farming in a small way, having a large garden plus pigs and chickens which helped considerably in keeping meat and fresh vegetables on the menu for Mrs. Johnson and the two daughters.

On behalf of all employees, THE BLENDER welcomes Emil and his family to Martinsville.

Du Pont Research, New-Better Things

Since the first few years after 1802, the founding of Du Pont, the Company has been ever mindful of the importance of research in the expansion of uses and markets for present production and the development of new products for new markets. Coupled with this research for new things and new uses has always been the desire of the Du Pont Company to make its products available to the most people at the lowest cost possible.

On pages eight and nine are just a few examples of Du Pont products which are available “to more people at lower cost” through the efforts of Du Pont Research. Photo No. 1—we picture rainwear of wool and rayon treated with water repellent “Aridex”; No. 2—rayon swim suits with colors that are fast; No. 3—box-pleated organdy frills of nylon which need no ironing; No. 4—nylon plastics for electric coils; No. 5—a nylon blouse with rayon and cotton jumper; No. 6—nylon at its best; No. 7—slide fastener of nylon; No. 8—neoprene gloves and cellulose sponge for the dishes; No. 9—nylon switch housings; No. 10—cotton blouse and printed rayon; No. 11—Du Pont Rayon tow and wool; No. 12—plastic place-mats; No. 13—satin gabardine treated with “Zelan.”

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John Wilson kept a nursery for one day only! Helen Stanley looked the Area over for her glasses—all the time they were on her face!

New girls on "D" Shift are Virginia Frith, Kate Lancaster and June Cross. Hope you like it, girls.

Nellie Wright and Hazeltime Young took a flying trip up New York way!

Jerry Jarrett got an important telephone call from Roanoke recently. By Evelyn Norman

DAY RELIEF

We're glad to have Jewel Jones back after a few weeks of illness.

We want to welcome Irene Bowling and Kay Gunter to our group.

Polly Yates just couldn't resist the temptation of seeing others ride around, so she just had to get another car. (Can't blame you, Polly.)

Wonder what is Judy Wilson's attraction for Draper? Could it be, Sam?

We wish Sallie Jones a speedy recovery and hope she will soon be back to work.

By Polly Yates

DAY CREW

We welcome Orene Lawson, Lillie Peters, and Dorothy Robertson to our group.

It's good to see Ruth Spencer, Losia Rorrer and Vivian Jones back in the groove after their recent illness. We also wish Ruby Cox and Mildred Dalton a speedy recovery.

Don't get alarmed—there wasn't a fire—Bessie Tiller finally received that long waited-for telegram saying her boy friend was in the States.

Anyone wanting to know the whereabouts of Lucille Whitt on Sunday nights just drop in the Martinsville Bus Station—there you will find "Lucy"!

We regret losing Kay Gunter to Day Relief. Welcome to Dorothy Cummings as our new

fellow lady.

Day Crew won out in the first half bowling season. Come on out, girls, and let's stay on top.

Lovelene Frith is all smiles since her dream man is back in the good ole U. S. A.

By Sarah Hazelwood

DAY MISCELLANEOUS

Velva Gunter is one happy girl these days—her husband is home for keeps!

Will someone please find Bernice Gregory the words to "Stars In Your Eyes"?

We heard that Thelma Foley patched things up with the boy friend. Right, Thelma?

We are all anxious to meet "Buck's" sailor, but she won't bring him around, just talks about him!

We welcome Annie Fain and Evelyn Gauldin to our group.

Eva Grogan's dreams are getting better all the time—she gets a letter from Florida every day. It seems like that vacation did do some good after all!

By Codell Jones

METHODS AND STANDARDS

Welcome back to Methods and Standards, Charlie. Why is it everyone keeps asking, "Have you found any tonic to grow hair?" What has your answer been? Don't tell us—let us guess.

Congratulations to the Pressleys on the arrival of their new son. The entire family is doing well.

School days, School days—Yes, indeed, Ruth and Sara have enrolled in the night classes at the High School. Is it "larnin'" you're after? Fine work, girls.

Colored glasses are a necessity in Methods and Standards due to the brightly colored ties

being worn by so many of the men. Can't decide which is the flashiest. Allen claims his ties are flashy too, but we feel it's a close race between Jim and Kemp.

Some big film producer will soon be scouting around for new talent. We are sure Dick will be in the running since the release of his first picture, "Christmas at the Hellers."

Our boss seems so forlorn now that the hunting season is over. Cheer up, better days are coming.

The Group Dance Committee had a very able assistant in Kemp. He was kept mighty busy with various arrangements. Nice work, Kemp.

Mr. Kirk continues to cater to girl passengers even though the war is over.

By Teresa Lanier

PRODUCTION CONTROL

Ted Cole has been doing a lot of crowing recently. He started a poultry farm with six hens and the first day he came through with flying colors—seven eggs! What coaxing, Ted.

Ask Juanita Ramsey about the new delicacy she has whipped up. She takes coffee in her cream. The automatic "cow" in the Cafeteria wouldn't stop running.

By the way, do you know the latest fashion in umbrellas? See Ralph Westervelt; he uses his hands with the 10 fingers as the base.

Mabel Tyree had such a wonderful vacation that she has decided to make it permanent. Our best wishes to you in your career as housewife.

Frank Andrews has decided to go in business for himself. Best of luck, Frank.

By Hattie Cook

ACCOUNTING NEWS

It was amazing how quickly Virginia Snow learned to dance at the Accounting dance recently. She still insists she didn't know before.

Katherine Draper is having difficulty calculating her earnings last year. Says it's a cinch she can't figure from "cash on hand."

Blushing is one of Helen Draper's greatest assets. But if you don't control it, Helen, certain people will think your cheeks are naturally pink.

The Accounting Section offers its deepest sympathy to Blanche Ratcliffe on the loss of her mother.

Clara Prillaman wishes her boy friend wasn't so essential to Unle Sam because she thinks it would be nice to have him a "civi" again.

Marie Brown has finally turned "domestic" and we are anxiously awaiting an invite to see the new home she and Carroll have recently purchased.

Records extends a most hearty welcome to Harry Hutcheson who has recently returned from service.

Mary Lib Moser finally admitted she be-



Safety Suggestions Adopted

January, 1946

POWER	INSPECTION,
Edward L. Helms	PACKING AND
Calvin W. Martin	SHIPPING
MAINTENANCE	Arabell West
Murray E. Cassell	
E. R. Hipes	

came Mrs. Nicholson, December 28, 1945. (Best wishes from all of us.)

New York is a paradise on earth—especially when you're with your husband! Just ask Marie Burbeau.

Records Section is glad to hear that the Mail Room has organized a candy club, which operates weekly. (Everyone please take notice.)

Pearl White Martin and Gaynelle Leftwich had better show the bus driver more attention or they'll be stranded in Rocky Mount some morning.

Anna Wood Shumate became the bride of William Kenneth McGuire on January 26, 1946, at the Naval Air Base Chapel in Jacksonville, Fla.

By Ruth Stultz

CHOW CHATTER

SEEN AND HEARD:

Polly Flanagan singing (?) "When, oh, When Will Henry Come Home?"

Marie Watkins hard at work after being discharged from the WAVES.

Alice Tudor looking for "The Lost Chord."

Lena Clark skipped the post-graveyard sleep to wait in line for a pair of nylons.

Bula Covington thrilled over the return of daughter, Lorene, from the WAVES.

Lucille Nowlen begging for warm weather.

Mary Spehar and husband who returned from overseas having lunch in Cafeteria.

FEBRUARY'S RESOLUTIONS:

Virginia Harris—not to cry when peeling onions.

Virginia Hairston—to go into hibernation when snow and ice are on the ground.

Margaret Chaney—to be less noisy at basket ball games.

Gussie Price—to find some one (preferably male) to build her fire each morning.

Annie Hairfield—to learn to whistle.

Talmadge Thornton—to find one more member of the stronger sex to work in the Cafeteria.

Jackie Bryant—to learn to yodel.

Cafeteria personnel extends its sympathy to Ernestine Anglin on the recent death of her brother.

By Ruth Yearout

SAFETY

We welcome Courtney Adams, formerly of Process Control, to the Safety Office as Safety Engineer.

We are glad to report that Bill Burgess' wife has returned from the hospital and is improving nicely. By Katherine Montgomery

PROTECTION

Jack Franklin says sometimes he still expects to hear the order given, "Fall out for inspection!"

James Piller is looking forward to an overdue Christmas dinner!

Behind the scenes of information, Spencer Reynolds is thoroughly convinced that he needs a new automobile.

One night during Christmas holidays, the "C" Shift guards found out why Sergeant Law carries so much weight—his wife is an excellent cook!

James Parrish is the proud owner of a new house in Villa Heights.

Dan Rodgers is taking a vacation to do some hunting—he didn't say what he was going to hunt, but we think it will be a house! How about the \$200 per month rent, Dan?

Ralph Hinton got caught in a snow storm coming from Lynchburg. Ralph, better wait till summer to travel!

Pat Holland is some cow doctor. He came in late the other day and said he had just delivered a fine calf.



At
the

Country
Club

Bill Turner is trying to decide what tools he should be getting together for his new assignment.

We wonder where Neil Gregory got the birds he gave away the other day. He must have trapped them—he can't hit them with a gun!

By "The Sergeants"

PERSONNEL

A belated welcome to Rachul Montgomery who is now with Employment. We also welcome Emil Johnson to Martinsville and as our Personnel Supervisor.

Thanks to Martha Powell, George Branham and the rest of the Committee for the best dance. 'Twas a good 'un!

Harry Daughtry has finally got some sports going—the Men and Girls' basket ball teams—doing all right, too!

If the March issue of THE BLENDER is too late (which ain't unusual), Harry Beach will be the proud possessor of a son or a daughter. All bets on the gender will be handled by the writer.

By Jean Critz

PROCESS CONTROL

Florence Wyatt, Nell Stanley and Dorothy Hensley are back after a recent illness.

Lieutenant B. L. Patterson, formerly of Process Control, visited us recently.

After a brief visit to Wilmington and Seaford, Otto Lutness is back at work.

Nell Stanley became Mrs. Jack Mullins on December 31. Best of luck.

Katherine Wright may be called the "quiet one" in Standard Practice, but she generally finds out a lot, such as, where to get plenty of lard, butter, etc.

John Prillaman certainly has been doing some figuring on his income tax recently. Must be wonderful to have such a "big" income.

The "Standard Practice Way" is to serve fruit cake to the group.

We wonder if anyone was more excited than Edith Campbell who was recently married to Douglas Boaz!

Ethel Clement seemed very happy about the telephone call from Baltimore recently. Was it the one, Ethel?

Viola Nelson and Arlene Stultz are vacationing this month. Nice weather for hibernating, girls.

Mary Lib Floyd's description of the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo was very entertaining, but tell us, Mary Lib, were you disillusioned when you saw the dancers face to face? ?

By Myrtle Rutledge
Dot Hensley
Ina Woodall

MAINTENANCE

SHOPS

The Shops welcome back on the job Jack Gardner and Dave Cunningham. Durham Newman and Tom Philpott are expected back in the near future.

Recently on the sick list were: Scotty May, Lewis Sutton, Johnnie Cooper, Jack Hoggard and Bill Terrell.

There will be fewer pay stubs signed "X" (we hope), since so many from Shops are attending night school.

The Shops set an all time high record for Safety shoes on January 24—100 per cent.

Emmitt Hipes has resolved that hereafter before going to Roanoke to the bank, he will make sure it's not a bank holiday.

Andy Anderson says the goose he roasted was very good, considering its startling resemblance to a buzzard.

Oratory flowed like wine at the Shops steak

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supper, which is only to be expected with Freddie Custer present!

Jess Ramsey was seen in every bank in town the other Saturday, probably window shopping!

By Hamp Dyches

TEXTILE MAINTENANCE

We are glad to have Russ Pease back with us after his recent operation.

Ed Hite must be holding tight to that button, since he went home one night and found a certificate on his front door from the Liars' Club.

Lewis Slagle once said he would not raise any more chickens, but with this meat shortage, it looks as if he will have to start at least one more gang.

By Henry J. Duncan

MAINTENANCE

We extend our deepest sympathy to T. D. Alexander and family in the loss of his father.

Richard Witt has gone in the rabbit business—anybody with rabbits, contact Richard!

Bill Lehman says that sometimes "Lady Luck" smiles and some times she laughs out loud!

A certain member of our group had a N. W. I. from sticking a pin in his finger. Couldn't have been a safety pin, could it? ? ?

By P. S. Hutchens
T. D. Alexander

LABORERS AND JANITORS

We were glad to welcome James Hester and Russell Wingfield back from Military Service.

Since George Strickland has two new tires, he and his passengers don't ride home on a tube and a prayer.

James "Blue" Draper seems to have had quite a time on his vacation. He thinks he has lost five pounds!

Floyd Fontaine thinks there will be a great meat shortage, now that hunting season is gone!

By James King
H. G. Pritchett

PROJECT ENGINEERING

"Gentleman" Jim Brugh insists that two Roanoke to Martinsville buses are better than one—especially if you get on at Rocky Mount and have to stand with your head against the top and your feet out the door.

Lucille and Frank now have their own little apartment. When is open house, Lucy—and can you cook T-Bones? ?

Adrian Disney's New Year's Resolution was not to make any resolutions. In that way he can remain in the clear for twelve more months.

Paul Schuh has itchy feet. His Florida vacation trip must be coming up shortly.

Maintenance beware! Jack Hellaby says mouse traps come after "Cheese boxes."

By Lucille Hodges

POWER

Bill Williams is the latest Power House operator to report back from the Armed Forces. We're glad to have you back, Bill.

The latest report of Tyler Holland informs

us he is now a first lieutenant and is stationed in Manila.

Congratulations to the Power House Maintenance Group for the good job of safety they did during the turbine repair jobs.

Everyone was glad to learn that "Slim" Ferguson finally got tickets for the Day Group Dance. "Slim" says the effort of locating tickets was amply justified when he got in the "swing!"

The Power Area regrets losing A. S. Eisen, former Power Supervisor, to the Wilmington office. Come back and pay us a visit occasionally, Abe.

By Guy Williams

POWER SERVICE

We are glad to welcome Harold Justice back into the Electric Group. Harold served about two and one-half years in the U. S. Navy and acquired a wife, son and daughter during that time. His family will soon join him in Martinsville.

Don McCullough still has trouble with that "railroad" watch his grandfather gave him. How about a "Big Ben," Mac?

C. R. Carmichael now occupies his new home on the Figsboro Road. One less family looking for a house. Good work, Mike!

Sam Ferguson says that in addition to his graying hair, there are other reasons why he shouldn't have attended the Day Group Dance.

Some good comes from everything—the coal shortage gave Gene Varney plenty of wholesome exercise in the form of wood-chopping.

By Earl Collins

PURCHASING

We helped Lloyd Riggan celebrate his birthday in January by eating that wonderful cake he brought. And we're eagerly waiting for February to help Ed Minnick celebrate his birthday in the same nice cake way!

That knot on Imogene Davis' forehead has finally retreated and her knees are slowly losing their rainbow hue of black, blue, yellow and purple—all of which was the results of an automobile accident.

By Imogene Davis

Employee Suggestions Adopted

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POLYMER AND SPINNING

Willie Cook
George E. Hubbard
J. C. Pratt
Paul J. Priddy

MAINTENANCE

E. E. Colburn
E. R. Hipes
Harold L. O'Neill
J. R. Plaster

TEXTILE

Opal C. Stone

PROCESS CONTROL

Ferne Hutchinson
Ruth B. Minter

INSPECTION, PACKING AND SHIPPING

John B. Powell
Louise Robertson

ACCOUNTING

Mary R. Frith

POWER

E. L. Helms
H. O. Martin
J. R. Pyle

SERVICE

John W. Hylton

SCATTER SHOTS



1—Bob Markham and Jim Torrey were not expecting to have their "pitchers took." 2—During one of the frequent snows, Elmo Dawson was caught pushing a broom. 3—Party—Party. The Time Office, Emily Hensley, Henry Winters, Helen Dickerson, Helen Cox, Margaret Draper, Margaret Baughn, "Doc" West, and Van Freeman had a big one. 4—Holding that bobbin with such care is Audrey Smith. 5—Harry Daughtry and Wes Shumate were trying to get into the Glee Club. 6—What's that Harry Bradley is reading? 7—Shirley Brummer smiles over getting another wedding present! 8—Dr. Shockley is doing a time study on Gloris Vaughn's pulse. 9—"Checking the clock" by John Ed Warren. 10—Gladys Shelor seems to be cleaning things up.



The interesting photograph above was taken by Wes Sinclair, Supervisor on "D" Shift, Power, down in Tennessee, near Nashville in the fall of '38. Wes used a Rollicord Camera with Red Filter on Double-X Pan. film.

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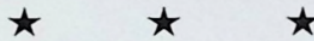


Signing the Agreement



The above photo was taken when the representatives of the Nylon Employees Council and the representatives of the Company got together in the Office Conference Room for the signing of the new Agreement, which runs for one year from the date of signing, February 4.

Seated at the table, Cantwell Clark, Plant Manager, signs for the Du Pont Company, while Bob Crockett, Council President looks on. Standing and looking on with apparent approval: J. G. Page, C. E. Mears, Beulah McDonald, Inspection; Watt Clingenpeel, Production Control; Douglas Penn, P. & S.; Frank Lambeth, Stores, and W. F. McGowan.



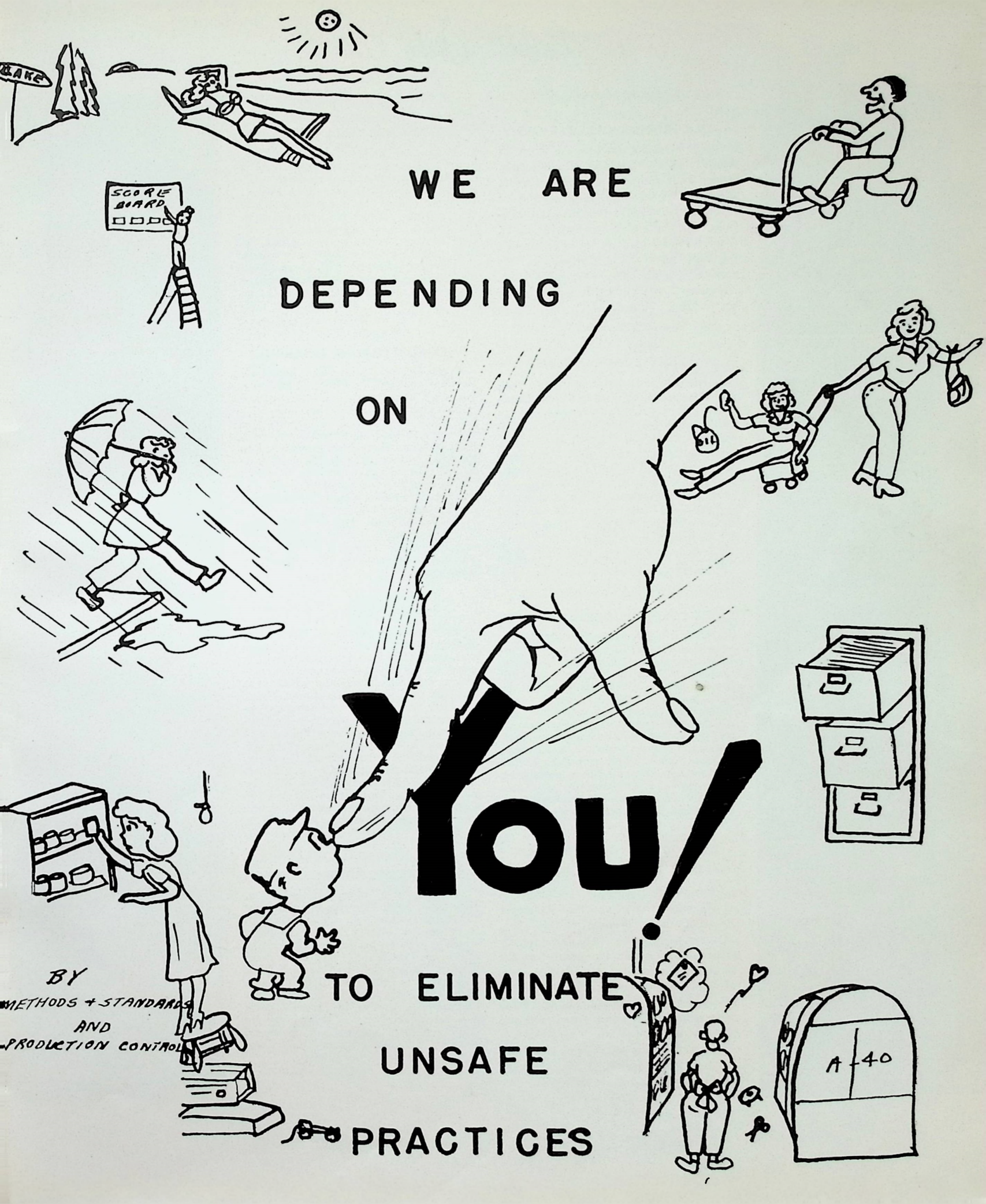
The American Red Cross-1946

World War II, with its horror and killing, is over, the surrender terms have been signed by both the victor and the vanquished, but the Red Cross war against suffering and privation continues to be fought just as it has been for the past sixty-five years. The American Red Cross is not a wartime agency exclusively; one might say its wartime activities are a supplement to the original idea of Red Cross work. Yet, during the war, it assumed responsibility for certain activities and after the war, it is continuing to carry on those activities in foreign lands, with our armies of occupation, in our hospitals, and in the homes of service men.

Here are a few facts and figures which explain where your dollars for the 1945 Fund were spent and also where

your dollars for the 1946 Fund will be spent.

The Red Cross handled approximately one million ex-service cases in 1945 and expects that figure to jump to 1,750,000 for 1946. There are still 740 Red Cross Clubs and rest homes in operation overseas and they will be there till the last American G. I. comes home. The Red Cross assists G. I.'s and veterans in their numerous problems regarding the G. I. Bill of Rights, financial problems, personal and family problems. There are a host of other activities which the Red Cross is responsible for that are too numerous to mention in this article but we all know enough about the American Red Cross and its activities to know that we could not find, no matter how far we looked, a more worthy cause in which to participate.



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Home Again



EX-CORPORAL CARL E. RAMSEY

After his induction into the Army in April, 1943, and basic at Miami Beach, Gene was assigned to the Aircraft Mechanic school at La Guardia Field for four months. Further training at Goldsboro, N. C., and Farmingdale, L. I., fitted Gene for his next job as an aircraft mechanic on P-47's at Venice, Fla. He received his discharge 23 months later, February 1, 1946, at Ft. Bliss, and is now on "A" Shift, P. & S.



EX-PFC. JACK O. COMER

Jack was inducted August 12, 1942, and after basic training in Miami Beach with the A. A. F., was assigned to Military Police duty with the Headquarters Squadron "A" at Blytheville, Ark., for the next 31 months. From there his group moved to Buckley Field, Colo., for training in Military Police work preparatory to shipment. While here, he met Josephine Glazer whom he married January 30, just four days after receiving his discharge, January 26.

Jack is now back at work in P. & S., "B" Shift.



EX-CORPORAL ODELL P. COOPER

Odell left the States in July, '44, as switchboard and radio operator with the 136th Anti-Aircraft Battalion, bound for England. After the landing on Utah Beach, Odell's Battalion guarded the landing beach against enemy attack. When the fighting moved inland, the 136th moved over to Cherbourg to protect the harbor facilities and the valuable supplies being unloaded. At Antwerp, Belgium, Odell and the rest of his battalion were kept busy for five months shooting down V-1 rocket bombs.

Odell left France December 9, receiving his discharge December 29.



EX-SEAMAN OTIS R. BRADLEY

Randolph's last job in the Navy was as Signalman 1/c on the Destroyer Escort U. S. S. *Wesson*. Before that, however, he spent 9 months doing convoy duty in the Atlantic, two months on the U. S. S. *Francis Newlands* out of Seattle. Most of his work on board ship consisted of sending and receiving messages from other ships by the use of signal flags and standing watch.

Randolph was discharged at Camp Shelton, December 28. He is now back on the job in P. & S. on "B" Shift.

EX-PRIVATE REDIA W. DILLON

Redia was inducted in June, 1945, just after the surrender of Germany. His first training was with a medical outfit scheduled eventually for the Pacific. With the end of the war coming sooner than expected, Redia was changed from the medics to a ration warehouse at Fort Jackson, where he sorted out the food supply for all mess halls in the camp.

He was discharged at Ft. Meade, Md., on February 3, at 2.15 P. M., reporting for work February 11, in P. & S., on "D" Shift.



EX-CORPORAL W. J. GARDNER

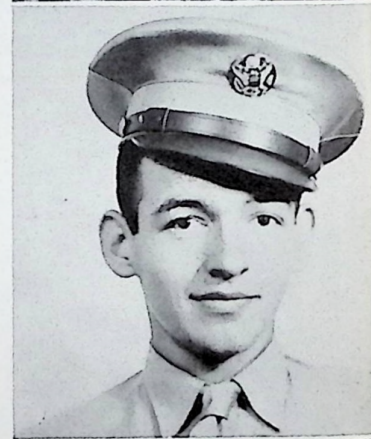
From his job in the paint shop, Jack Gardner changed, in March, 1943, to a job with the A. A. F., spraying and lettering planes. He left the States with the 313th Depot Repair Squadron, in February, 1944, bound for Milne Bay in New Guinea, where he was attached to the 5th Air Force. From Milne Bay, he moved up to Finchhaven and on arrival was promptly given a barber's job. (He was a barber before coming to Du Pont.)

The next twelve months were spent in the Dutch East Indies with the Far East A. A. F. Jack left for home October 22, arriving in San Francisco on December 17, and discharged at Ft. Bragg on January 3.



EX-SGT. ROBERT E. VOGLER

Bob was inducted June 16, 1942, and assigned to the Aircraft Training School at Keesler Field for a six-months training course in aircraft maintenance. On completion of this course and subsequent training on B-25's at La Junta, Colo., Bob left the States for England, September 20, 1943. He stayed in England one year, moving on into France and Germany in October, 1944. When the war ended Bob was in Kassel, Germany, with the 43d Air Depot Group. He left France for home December 11, by Liberty Ship, landing in Boston on Christmas Eve. He received his discharge December 29 and is working on "A" Shift, P. & S.



EX-STOREKEEPER DORSEY F. CURRIN

Five months after his induction, November, 1943, Dorsey was on his way to Pearl Harbor, where he joined a stevedore battalion unloading supplies, which was to be his job for the rest of the time he was in the Navy. From Pearl Harbor, Dorsey went to Eniwetok for a year and from there on to Okinawa in May, 1945. He left Okinawa for home December 5, landing in Seattle sixteen days later. His hopes of being home for Christmas were not realized, however, since his discharge at Camp Shelton was not dated until January 4, 1946.

Dorsey is back on the job in Stores.



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Home Again

EX-SGT. WILLIAM B. JONES

Bruce was inducted in July, 1943, and assigned to the Aviation Engineers for basic training at Westover Field, Mass., where he learned how to build, maintain, and supply airfields. Bruce left the States for New Guinea in March, 1944, landing at Lae, the former capital. As sergeant, Bruce had charge of truck, bulldozers, and dirt movers in the building of the airstrip. His battalion continued to build strips on New Guinea, Biak, and Luzon. In the landing at Lengyan Gulf, the battalion lost its first men in combat. After the surrender, the battalion was transferred to Tokyo and assigned to the job of destroying cyclotron equipment of the Japs. He was discharged February 6.

EX-SEAMAN JOHN L. O'NEAL

John left his job in Power Service in March, 1944, to be inducted in the Navy, where, of course, he was assigned to an electrical training school in Jacksonville, Fla., for 20 weeks. On completion of this training, he was assigned to the Naval Air Station at Norfolk where he spent the next fourteen months in the Assembly and Repair Shops. He was discharged at Camp Shelton, January 25, 1946.

EX-SGT. ROY BRIGMAN

Roy's induction in May, 1942, marked the beginning of a busy and adventure-some three and one-half years. On the way to the Pacific, his ship was torpedoed but Roy was rescued and carried to the New Hebrides Islands where he was re-outfitted. He made the landing on Rendova Island with the 43d Division; volunteered for Merrill's Marauders for service in India and Burma; he fought his way from one end of the Lido Road in Burma to the other; and was finally sent to a base hospital when he contracted malaria.

Roy left for the States in September, 1944, and after a year at Camp Gordon, Ga., training rookies, was discharged October 19, 1945.

EX-STAFF SGT. ROBERT C. LAWSON

Robert Lawson, inducted May 7, 1943, had 13 weeks of basic training with the Engineers at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., before going to Camp Patrick Henry, a P. O. E.

October 2, 1943, Bob left Newport News, Va., on a troop transport that landed twenty days later at Oran. He was here for about a month and then left for India. When he arrived in India, he joined the 988th Signal Service Battalion and went on to Burma.

His next tour of duty was pulled in China, which lasted from May 27, 1945, until the Pacific war ended. Pearl Harbor Day, 1945, found Bob leaving Calcutta, India, for the States. He landed in New York January 3, and received his discharge January 20, 1946.

EX-SEAMAN HAROLD JUSTICE

Shortly after his induction in May, 1943, Harold Justice married Katherine Hiller from Wapello, Iowa, and during his service, they managed to live together most of the time. After radio technician training in Chicago, and Treasure Island, Harold drew a teaching assignment at the Chicago School in the mechanics and theory of radio. His discharge was effective December 10. The Justices' have two children, Bobby, 18 months and Joan, 18 days.

EX-T/5 THOMAS W. CAMPBELL

After induction September 11, 1943, and three months of basic training at Camp Gruber, Okla., Tom Campbell participated in three months maneuvers before shipping out for England.

From England, he went on to France where his Company joined with the 9th Army and followed its drive through Belgium, Luxembourg, Holland and into Germany. While with this group, they repaired roads, salvaged Allied equipment, and helped build the Roosevelt Bridge that spans the Rhine River.

Tom left Germany for France and the Pacific but after the Pacific war ended, they were sent back to Germany for eight weeks. At the end of this time, they were transferred to the 29th Division and came home with this group.

EX-M/SGT. BRADFORD H. HILL

Thirty-eight months and five days was the amount of time "Bunker" Hill chalked up with Uncle Sam's Air Force.

Being assigned to the 8th Air Force Composite Command, he left September 5, 1944, from Bolling Field, Washington, D. C., for Rheims, France, by way of Ireland and England. In Rheims they joined the 42d Air Depot Group of the 9th Air Force and remained here until May 27, 1945. The next eight weeks were spent in Ausbach, Germany, but July 25, Bunker left Germany for Nancy, France, where he was assigned to the Headquarters of 71st Fighter Wing.

Before coming back home, Bunker had to go to Stuttgart, Germany, to join the 406th Fighter Squadron.

EX-MOMM 3/C JACK R. LEWIS

January 16, 1946, is a red-letter day for Jack Lewis. On that day, at Camp Shelton, Va., he was discharged from the U. S. Navy.

Previous experiences that led to this time were induction May 6, 1944, boot training for eight weeks at Camp Peary, basic engineering for eight more weeks at Gulfport, Miss., five weeks of diesel school at Richmond, Va., and then to Camp Elliott for eight weeks in landing craft practice.

After being assigned to the U. S. S. *Clermont*, an A. P. A., they left January 28, 1945, for duty in the Pacific. While on this ship, Jack worked in the engine room and also as a repair man. Some of the islands they were on during their ten months out were Okinawa, Siapan, Pelin, Guam, Ithia and Japan.



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James Witherow, P. & S.
 Marvin Sayland, Power
 Jon Carriel, Technical
 Syl Pritchard, P. & S.
 Jack Gardner, Maintenance
 John Wilson, Guard

Thomas Campbell, P. & S.
 Cabel Pratt, Stores
 Ed Ferguson, Power
 Loyd Harris, Maintenance
 Robert Hutchens, P. & S.
 Billy Holland, P. & S.

Lester Bowman, P. & S.
 Bill Thompson, Maintenance
 Dorsey Currin, Stores
 Bradford Hill, Production Control
 Emerson Pase, P. & S.

Dick Culbertson, Insp. & Ship.
 Henry Rist, Maintenance
 Freddie Custer, Maintenance
 Henry Barbour, Maintenance
 Bill Jones, Maintenance
 Marvin Lentz, Training

Jack Hallaby, Project Engr.
 Gorman Shields, P. & S.
 Morton Brown, Maintenance
 Herb Dillon, P. & S.
 Harry Bradley, Process Control
 Cliff Cunningham, Power

Newcomer to DuPont

George joined the Company here on the Martinsville Plant as an engineer in the Process Development Group.

Born in the coal mining section, Elkins, W. Va., June 21, 1920, George attended the local grammar and high schools before going to the University of West Virginia at Morgantown. At college he joined the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, had four years of R. O. T. C., and received his B. S. Degree in Mechanical Engineering.

When George graduated in 1942, he also received a lieutenant's commission in the Engineers. At Fort Belvoir, Va., he was assigned to the 496th Heavy Shop Company; October 7, 1942, his company shipped out for Cairo and worked with the 9th A. A. F. in Lybia and Palestine until January, 1944. At this time, they moved to Naples, Italy, for a year and seven months tour of duty before coming to the States on November 10, 1945. He was on terminal leave until February 26, 1946, and will receive his discharge on that date.

The BLENDER welcomes him to Martinsville and Du Pont.



George Hunter

Bussard to Wilmington

G. L. Bussard, Personnel Supervisor, left the Martinsville Plant to join the Personnel Division in the main office of the Company in Wilmington, Del. His new assignment will associate him with general personnel matters, such as hiring and placing technically trained personnel and assisting in various plant-training programs.

On behalf of all Martinsville employees, the BLENDER wishes "Buzz" every success on his new job.

McGinty to Seaford

Art McGinty, who for the past couple of years has been our Inspection and Shipping Area Supervisor, has transferred to Seaford as Area Supervisor, Area C, which is Inspection, Shipping, Spooling and Traffic. With this transfer, Art returns to the plant where he first became associated with nylon manufacture back in 1940.

We will indeed miss that long, lanky, slow-talking form so quickly spotted and so well liked by all. Art, for the rest of the plant personnel, the BLENDER wishes you good luck at Seaford.

Joins the DuPont Company

Another newcomer to the Product Development Group, Raymond Lowe, is also a newcomer to the Du Pont Company. Ray comes from Marietta, Okla., in the middle of the oil country. His education was received in the Grade and High Schools of Marietta and the University of Oklahoma, where he majored in chemistry, graduating in 1941 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering. His training while at school in the Reserves caused Ray to be called immediately into the Ballistics Research Branch of the Ordnance Department. Ray served in the Army from October, 1941, to January, 1946.

During his stay in the Army, Ray spent 32 months at the training center, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, 9 months in the Ballistics Research Lab at Aberdeen, and the rest of the time with the Ballistic and Technical Service Detachment in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany.

Mrs. Lowe (Elaine Fox), also from Oklahoma, has joined her husband here. For the present, at least, the Lowes are living at 723 Jefferson Street.

Welcome to Du Pont and Martinsville, Ray and Elaine.



Raymond Lowe

Done With a Ping

Up they sprang, almost overnight—low, wide buildings hundreds of yards long, with tremendous doors—the vast factories in which America built the tens upon tens of thousands of planes demanded by war in the air! Down the production lines inched the slow-moving fuselages, fed every few yards by tributary streams of sub-assemblies. Off they stretched into the distance as far as the eye could see. And—as far as the ear could hear there was a roar of pneumatic riveting hammers.

But there were tight, cramped places—in the tail, in the wings—where air-hammers couldn't reach, and patent fasteners had to be used. One day, astonished riveters heard a new sound. Riveting? Yes, it was riveting all right, but the sound was different. It was the "ping ping" of Explosive Rivets.

Where there wasn't enough room, where a man could work only from one side, the new rivets were simply placed in the holes. A small explo-

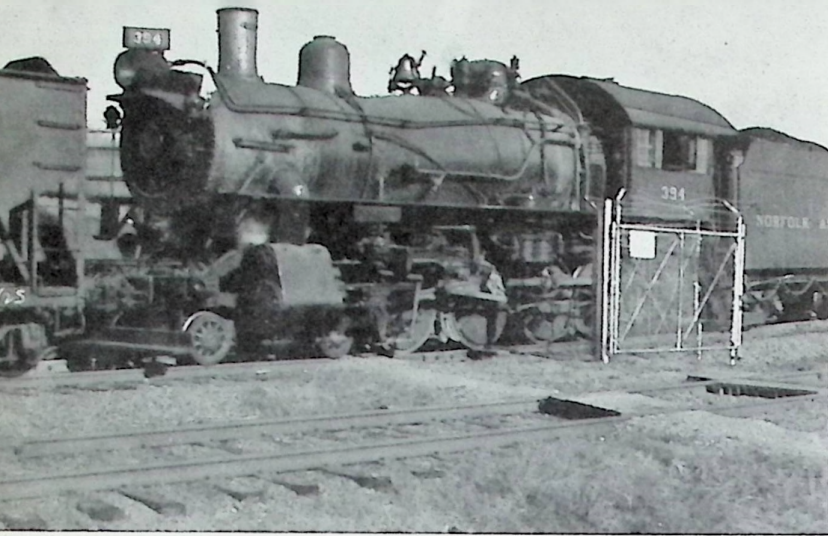
sive charge in the shank of the rivet was fired by a small heated riveting iron. The shank expanded. The rivet was tightly, smoothly set.

Explosive rivets, invented abroad and perfected in the United States by the DU PONT COMPANY, were the answer to a long-felt need in the aircraft industry. Now they offer the answer to many peacetime production problems.

Metal furniture, assemblies in buses that are hard to reach—there are dozens of uses now. And nobody can even guess how many there will be in the future. For these handy little fasteners, that "button" metal or plastic parts together as fast as you can drop them into holes and touch them with a heated tool, will help speed up the production of radios, vacuum cleaners and other appliances.

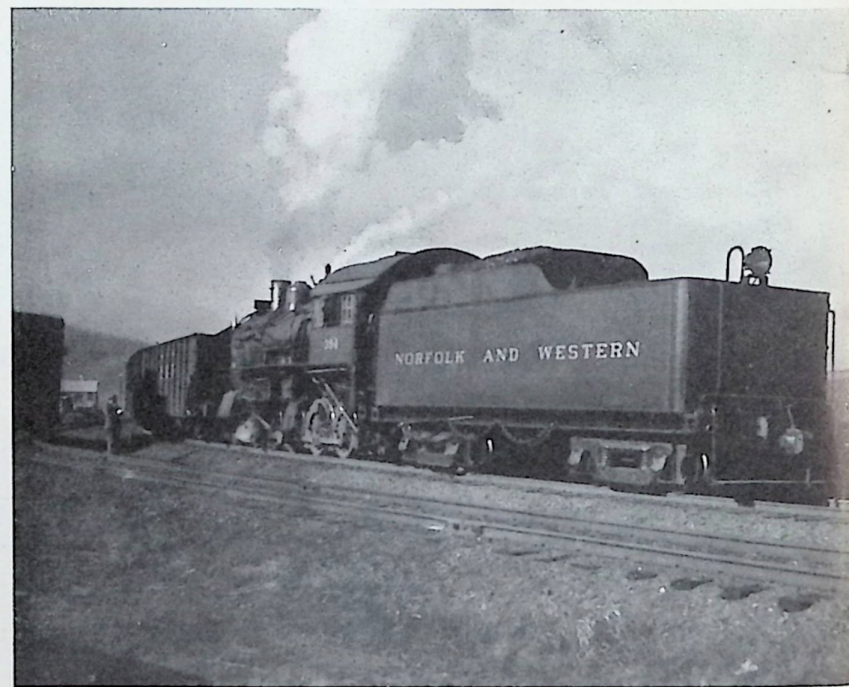
Explosive rivets are among the newest of the DU PONT COMPANY'S BETTER THINGS FOR BETTER LIVING... THROUGH CHEMISTRY.

"Black Gold"



ABOVE: The yard shifter of the Norfolk and Western pushes through the gate, another of the many carloads of coal needed each week to keep our plant on the go. The average daily consumption amounts to 75 tons, 70 percent of which is converted to electricity by the turbo-generators.

AT RIGHT: The cars are pushed up on the "hump," which is a section of track on an incline where cars may be rolled into position over the pit for unloading. As each car goes by, a member of the Guard Force, in this case, Spencer Reynolds, takes down the serial number for protection purposes to show what cars are inside the plant enclosure. In the case of a car of salt solution, the Guard notifies the Essential Materials Clerk, Bradford Hill, the arrival and number of each car.



BELOW: A car is rolled into position over the pit—Richard Hairston and David Mahan open the hopper doors and more "black gold" is on its way to the burners. As the car is emptied, Dick and David hammer the sides to loosen the coal and finally climb up inside to push out the remainder.



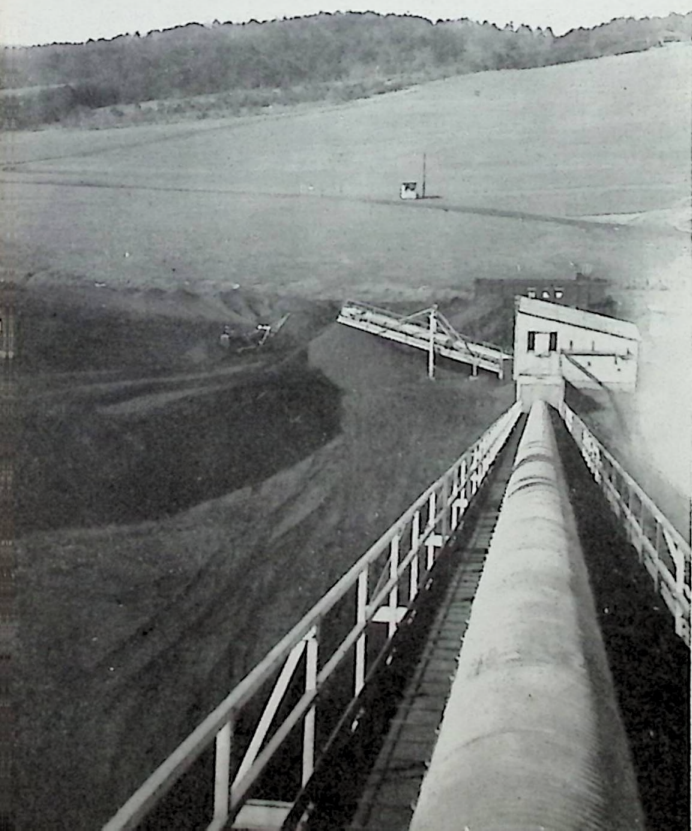
Orient. Down through the ages, its luminous beauty had been unfolded in fancified legends of princely favor and, because of the glamour and distinction it bestowed, had come to considered the *ne plus ultra* of luxury.

This was long before the coming of chemistry as we know it today; long before the discovery of coal, that great benefactor of mankind which has and still is contributing more than its share of the necessities of life. Today there are literally thousands of by-products of coal or coal-tar and not the least of these are the diamines from which we eventually get nylon polymer and thread. The magic of coal, the "black gold" of nature, which was first heard of in 371 B. C., is continuing to unfold its mysteries one by one through the prodding of the chemical scientist.



ABOVE: This photo shows the rubber-coated conveyor belt in operation, taking coal up the long incline to the storage silos behind the Power House. Before reaching the belt, however, the coal passes over a magnetic separator which removes any iron present, it is then crushed to small pieces $\frac{5}{8}$ " diameter. The main belt from the pit to No. 1 silo is 354' long. The one from the pit to coal pile is 83' 6" long and that from No. 1 to No. 2 silo, 32' 6" long.

BELOW: Looking down from the silo, the conveyor bridge and catwalk lead down to the unloading pit. Off to the left, the bulldozer, operated by Morris Hyler, keeps biting away at the conveyor pile, shoving it further and further out on the stock pile.

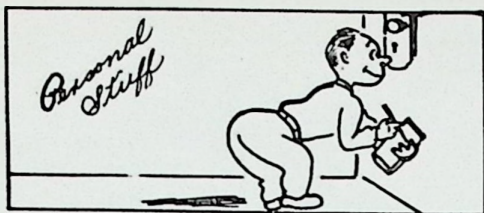


ABOVE: The bulldozer is used to keep the incoming coal from the belt pushed back on the pile. Our stock pile is as much coal as we can get within the limits of the storage area. The greatest amount of coal ever unloaded by the Power Area in one 8-hour day was 600 tons. (Brother, that's a lot of coal!) Each silo has a 200-ton capacity. Only once since plant startup has the Power Area had to supplement the coal supply with fuel oil, and that time on a 40% oil, 60% coal basis.

Not only is coal responsible for the nylon we make into yarn, but it is responsible for the motive power to run the machines, the current for elumination. When pinned right down to the bare facts, each of us owe our job to coal—"black gold." According to the scientist the breaking down of coal has only begun.

BELOW: Between the scene in the photo at left and the one below, many things happen to the coal before it goes out to the factory building as steam and current. It is weighed in to 200-lb. lots on scales, pulverized, burned, becomes steam operating the turbo generators, then as electricity it serves the entire plant. The monthly output will average 3 to 3½ million K. W. H., which is broken down to these approximate percentages—Spinning, 42%; Polymer, 18%; Air-Conditioning, 18%; Power House Auxiliary, 14%, and Textile, 8%. (The photo below shows the 20-pound steam, 150-pound steam and 100-pound compressed air lines. The power lines are underground.)





POLYMER AND SPINNING

"A" SHIFT

Bob Price is just back from vacation and says it was swell except for the loss of a purse containing \$140.00.

It looks like wedding bells and what not for Harold Robertson. The bride-to-be is none other than Bea Martin, an old "A" Shift worker. Congratulations, Harold, you are the first on "A" Shift in the P. & S. Area.

The "A" Shift chicken and oyster feed went over in a big way! The boys are wondering why we don't do this more often. Glynn Johnson seemed very well pleased—he picked up two for a change—most of the time he drops two.

Dewey Barker says the 2d floor sure does remind him of home back on the farm.

Norman Edwards seems to be very fond of babes since he came back from service, especially brunettes.

We regret losing Morton Robertson to "B" Shift: Morton Wyatt, Clarence Robertson, Harold Robertson and Harry Gilbert to Textile. Good luck to all of you.

We welcome back to the old "Gas House Gang" Grady Jessup, Carl Ramsey, Robert Lawson, Thomas Campbell, Jerry Pase and Billy Holland—all recently returned veterans.

By Worth Martin

"B" SHIFT

Glad to have Morton Robertson from "A" Shift and "Hop" Hobson and Jim Gilbert from "D" Shift.

We wish Ned Rorrer and Theodore Ussery a speedy recovery from their illness.

From the latest reports, Buck Shields is going into the chicken business.

At last, Lewis Brown is about ready to move into his home on Villa Heights.

It seems as if George Harville's landlord tried to move in with him.

We all welcome Jack Comer and "Randy" Bradley back to the Shift after spending some time in military service. By Jack Witherow

"C" SHIFT

We wish to welcome Robert C. Hutchens and Odell Cooper to our Shift.

Bob Munchmeyer is all smiles these days. The University of West Virginia is setting records in basket ball this year. They have one of the best teams in the country. Bob says that it is the best team in the country!

Herman Reeves is playing safe on the housing situation—he is building a new home.

Our boys have just won the second half in the Shift Bowling League. Nice going, boys!

Ben Gardner is hopping around these days, crying "Oh, my aching bones." Give up that basket ball, ole man, it's getting you down!

Continued from last issue: J. E. Hill is talking mighty serious to Mac Clifton. We all think he is trying to get that secret hair formula also.

By Ben Gardner

"D" SHIFT

New faces seen on "D" Shift: Redia Dillon, who has recently returned from military service, Bill Young and Bill Clifton, who were transferred from "B" Shift. A hearty welcome, boys.

The boys on "D" Shift have been the recipients of some fine quality cigars. Congratulations to the "Al" Stricklands—it's a girl!

Ken Stanhagen, Jim Souther and Roy Brigman report considerable car trouble re-

cently. The old jalopies aren't what they used to be, are they, boys?

After recent trips to regions North, Bill Fowke and yours truly are resolved to wait for the first bluebird before trying it again.

By Les Young

DAY CREW AND DAY RELIEF

Elsie Henderson recently celebrated her twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

George Hubbard is back after being out sick. Glad to have you back.

Les Finney has gotten his discharge and is back with Day Crew. We are glad to have him back with us.

Nancy is day-dreaming about a new home she hopes to build soon.

By Betty Inman
Charlie Martin

TEXTILE

"A" SHIFT

We welcome the following new girls to our shift: Marion Keatts, Doris Clark, Marion Robertson and Gladys Robertson.

Congratulations Frances Wells! She is now being addressed as Mrs. Parsons.

Lucy Jones certainly has been missed by all since she has gone to "D" Shift to be with her husband.

Since Mary Ann Self is running a machine, she spends all her time looking for her little "booster."

We all miss Cevera Martin, who has been transferred to the P. T. Lab, Irene Hall to Inspection, and Vivian Clark, who is in training for forelady.

Mary Tawney is very happy these days because her husband has been discharged from the Army.

We are glad to have Mildred Gardner, Pauline Gardner and Roberta Stowe back with us after their automobile accident.

We welcome Zonnie Dillion and Julia Davis to our shift from Day Crew as machine operators.

By Reva Altice

"B" SHIFT

New girls on our shift are Minnie Mims and Myrtle Gregory. Welcome, girls, we hope you like us.

We really miss Frances Hodges and Lessie Gregory who were transferred to Inspection and Leny Gardner, who is in training for forelady. Good luck on your new jobs, girls.

Elva Ingram is now addressed as Mrs. Russell Turner. Congratulations!

We extend a hearty welcome to Ruby Hoggard, "Teen" Ramsey and Hazel Garrett, who were transferred from Spinning.

Lorene Voss is going around singing, "I'm

gonna love that guy like he's never been loved before." Her husband is on his way home.

By Evelyn Bocock

"C" SHIFT

"THE HIT PARADE"

We wonder why the following girls sing . . . Elaine Grogan—"Get Away Old Man, Get Away."

Ardis Angle—"Pennsylvania Polka."
Inez Howell—"Gotta Make Up for Long Lost Time."

Gladys Morrison—"Waiting for the Train to Come In."

Leila Grogan—"One Dozen Roses."
Helen Martin—"Mr. Five By Five."

Virginia Hazelwood—"There's Gonna Be Some Changes Made."

Leola Atkins—"Chewing Chawing Gun."
Violet Ramsey—"You've Two-Timed Me One Time Too Often."

Evelyn Hunt—"So Long for Awhile."
Eva Nolen—"No, Not a Word."

Alice Hall—"Here Comes the Bride."
Posie Jones—"Hand Me Down My Walking Cane."

By Doris Joyce
Dot Kitts

"D" SHIFT

"D" Shift welcomes Carolyn Cooper and Mary Ruth Brock to our group.

Virginia Harvell and Beulah Ramsey have the sympathy of all "D" Shift in the loss of their father.

We are glad to see Crystal Hundley and Myra Johnson back after a recent illness.

"D" Shift has the world's best cake baker—Myrtle McCormick. (Notice to single men!)

Hope Evelyn Norman likes her new job as break and creel girl.

Textile welcomes Virginia Hodges and Beulah Ramsey from Spinning.

Lena Fulp came to work one day with her fingers badly cut and burned from cooking—now her husband is sick! Poor Johnnie!

Ruby Gravely, Anna Rutledge, and Dee Colvin had very much excitement in Greensboro window-shopping.

Dora Prillaman is now Mrs. Lewis.

Sherlie Cox finally gave up to go to the hospital. Here's hoping you soon return.

By Evelyn Norman

DAY CREW

It's good to see Vivian Jones, Mildred Dalton and Audrey Smith back after several days illness.

Magdaline Koger seems awfully excited lately. Won't you share your secret with us?

We will soon know if wedding bells rang for Dot Cummings while on vacation!

If you want to know just how bad mosquitoes are at Virginia Beach, ask Orene Lawson and Lillie Peters!

Kathleen Owens likes to dance so well she jitters in her sleep!

Thelma Draper says that desserts should all be oatmeal cookies! By Sarah Hazelwood

DAY RELIEF

Judy Wilson sure is making the stitches fly! She has made an apron—what next, Judy?

Eunice McCubbins likes living in the country. Now she is learning to thumb! (Maybe Polly can give you a few hints.)

Elsie Murphy is on the sick list. We wish you a speedy recovery. By Polly Yates

DAY MISCELLANEOUS

Does anyone know who sent Lucy Dandridge the sweet valentine signed "Guess Who!"

Edith Brown got another hopeful letter from her husband.

On February 23, Miss Codell Jones became Mrs. Jack Wade.

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Safety Suggestions Adopted

February, 1946

INSPECTION, PACKING AND SHIPPING Evangeline Gregory POWER C. L. Murray H. O. Martin (2)	MAINTENANCE E. E. Colburn Marvin B. Rankin William R. Ricketts
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Veteran Teresa Lanier Resigns

After March 15, we will no longer see "that gal from Buffalo," Teresa Lanier, flit about the plant keeping her friends up with the latest news. It was, indeed, a loss to us all when she decided to leave the Company and concentrate all her time and efforts on the job of being a good housekeeper for husband "Genus."

Teresa began her Company service in May, 1931, with the Construction group in Buffalo as a stenographer in the Purchasing Office. They say she had no more than entered the Employment Office when "Genus" became interested in her "future." Even though he was transferred from Buffalo, "Genus" continued his courtship by mail. They were married in Baltimore in 1935, after which Teresa went with her husband and worked on construction jobs at Belle, W. Va.; Baton Rouge, La.; Old Hickory, Tenn., and Seaford. In 1939, she transferred to Operations, coming on to Martinsville in September, 1941.

For the past two and one-half years, Teresa has been keeping all the records of the Suggestion Committee as Suggestion Secretary.

On behalf of her friends, the BLENDER wishes Teresa the best of luck in this the greatest career of all.



Teresa Lanier and "Genus"



A Review of Your Safety Performance

The eleven facts listed below will give the reader at a glance the high spots in our 1945 safety performance and some things we can look for in the future; such as, the fourth Board of Directors' Safety Award, and also the source of most plant injuries during the last half of 1945.

If this performance looks good to you, it is because you are too easily satisfied; if it looks bad to you, then it is your job to see to it that the 1945 performance is improved during 1946.

Do You Know--

- 1 the Martinsville Nylon Plant stands fourth from the top in Safety Performance of all Du Pont plants?
- 2 we have gone 1,324 days without a major injury?
- 3 we have accumulated 8,114,089 exposure hours during this 3.6 year period.
- 4 this Safety Performance represents an inestimable value to all employees and their families?
- 5 this Safety Performance can be continued indefinitely?
- 6 we will become eligible for a fourth Board of Directors' Safety Award in about three months if we continue our performance?
- 7 most of our plant injuries were more prevalent during the last half of 1945 than during the first half?
- 8 striking against equipment, cuts, and burns were the three highest sources of plant injuries?
- 9 non-works injuries have increased in frequency the past two years?
- 10 the chief cause of serious N. W. I.'s are (1) automobiles, (2) sunburn, (3) falls and cuts (tie)?
- 11 injuries do not happen but are caused and all personal injuries can be and should be prevented?

IT CAN BE DONE—SAFELY!

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Eva Grogan observed taking her boy friend to church.

Nadine Schwark has returned from the trip to Baltimore.

To relieve the housing shortage, Gladys Young and husband plan to rent a tree and build a nest.

Someone please volunteer to help Kathleen Grogan off the basket ball floor.

Maude Fulcher is still hoping her broken romance will be mended.

SHIPPING AND INSPECTION

It's no longer Miriam Nolen but Mrs. Richards. Congratulations!

A chicken dinner was held at "Nats" in honor of our supervisor, Art McGinty, who is being transferred to Seaford. A large number attended and after the dinner, Mac was presented a gift. Best of luck, Mac.

Paul Mason plans to have a "cellar digging" as soon as the weather permits.

There must be a Du Pont Golf Tournament in the making because Jim "Gunner" Davis was seen taking golf lessons from the local pro.

The new gentleman seen around the area is none other than Dick Culbertson, our new area supervisor. Welcome, sailor!

The new pretty faces added to our collection respond to the following names: Doris McMillan, Annie Nolen, Verna Gillispie, Helen McKamey, Marie Powell, Irene Hall, Galilee Black, Nola Nickols, Gladys Robertson, Annie Robertson, and Lessie Gregory.

Looks like wedding bells for Jerry Martin! She's got the ring, now all she needs is the proposal.

"Deacon" Prillaman got three birds with one shot! He forgot to say that they were asleep in the nest.

Congratulations to the former Irma Fulcher, who is now Mrs. James Joyce. Also to Katherine Hawley, who also took the notion.

Louise Robertson was mighty proud showing off the Area to her boy friend—or was it the other way?

Ruth Stultz is tickled over the thought of having her "hubby" back from overseas.

By J. R. Pankovich
Pat Hensley

METHODS AND STANDARDS

It is evident that spring is just around the corner. John Kirk was one of the first to start thumbing through seed catalogs and others soon followed suit.

Hobson Sandidge says he will be a man of leisure this summer inasmuch as some one decided to build a home on the plot of ground he used for his garden.

Al Jenkin continues to give Charlie pep talks about a certain shampoo he used which he claims will give "body" to Charlie's hair. Charlie

insists he first wants tonic to grow hair and then he will consider the shampoo. Good luck to Al Jenkin on his new job in Wilmington!

Sara Hardesty's spirits were picked up recently by a call from a certain someone in Tokyo. Nice going!

If anyone would like to give export advice or assistance regarding car repairs see or call Dick Heller. This is a new line of endeavor for him and any assistance you have to offer will be gratefully accepted.

We wonder what keeps Ruth speechless these days. Could it be laryngitis has something to do with it?

A crooner is in our midst, yes sir! "Sinatra" Langhorne they call him! By Teresa Lanier

PRODUCTION CONTROL

"Bunker" Hill, we are very happy to welcome you back in our group, after having been away doing your bit. Also, wish to congratulate you on taking unto yourself a "bride."

Welcome back to our midst the following who have been on the sick list: Juanita Ramsey, Watt Clingenpeel, Ann Prillaman and Clarence Vernon.

Since we have had some nice weather, guess a lot of us have thought about our gardens—Heard Ralph Westervelt say, "I guess we'll need more gardens than ever this year, so I'm going to raise everything I can, particularly a 'lot of— (censored)'" By Hattie Cook

ACCOUNTING

Oh, dear, what can the matter be? Dean Morris says she has sworn off men for life—seems as though we've heard that somewhere before, and from the same source!

Melvin Wells shows promising acting ability. His performance in our Safety play really went over big.

Harry Hutcheson is getting rather famous for his neckties. Have you seen that black and yellow job he wears?

Every time we go over to Maintenance to get some news about Francis King, he's all tangled up with time cards—and he says there's nothing to write about him—well, all right!

We sincerely hope that Marie Burbeau, "Pepper" Martin, Frances Stanley and Mary Lib Nicholson like their new working quarters.

Dot Skeen recently received a long awaited telephone call. Hence, the radiant countenance.

Wonder why Grit Fry absolutely refuses to spend a week-end in Martinsville?

St. Valentine's Day added to the collection of sparklers in Order and Invoice. The latest recipients is Virginia Snow. For further information as to dates, etc., see same.

SOME OF OUR STENOGRAPHERS' MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENTS—

Marie Brown—One Saturday afternoon when she went to a party at 2:00 which didn't begin until 8:00 o'clock.

Mattie Myers—When she so gracefully declined an invitation that had never been issued.

Gladys Campbell—The day Edd Chappell called Stenographic and she picked up the receiver and said, "Telephone."

Clara Prillaman—When walking through a ladies' shop with a friend, she bumped into some strange creature and said, "Excuse me." Receiving no reply, she saw it was just a mannequin. By Ruth Stultz

STORES

Harvey (Lumber Jack) Beauchamp and Everett (Timberwold) Griffin have been reported improving their physique since they started on their new hobby of "logcutting."

The Navy does wonders for its men and women—if you don't think so ask Garrett (Curly Locks) Wells, Lewis (Whiskers) Hanes, Genus (Possum Trear) Lanier, Dorsey (Froggy) Currin, and Katie (Oklahoma) Chitwood. Incidentally, Garrett and Lewis made most inter-

esting speeches pertaining to "Life in Navy Blue" at our recent safety meetings.

Martha (Tranquil) Weaver is now enjoying her second honeymoon with her husband, "Bo." who is back after serving in the Pacific.

Julian (Tadpole) Taylor and Bill (Ace in the Hole) Lovell are reported to be compiling a book on "The Art of Successful Poker Playing."

If you saw Stores "Waving the Crepe" a few weeks back, it was in memory of Kathryn (Chatterbox) Garst who has left the Stores family to become a member of the Employment.

Cabel (Lonesome Polecat) Pratt is getting pleasingly plump since his transfer to Cafeteria Stores Operator.

Since our last report Stores has changed skippers. Smooth sailing to Dick Culbertson in Shipping, and welcome back to the Stores helm, Genus Lanier. By Ernestine Stultz

CHOW CHATTER

Among this month's diamond receivers, we have Janie Boaz. Lucky boy, that Maynard; a beauty, that diamond.

The only time we've ever heard of Polly Flanagan being speechless was when her husband, who has just arrived in California from Pearl Harbor, called her. The telephone was turned over to five-year-old daughter, Joanne.

Peg White passed around her hat before taking off to Florida for her vacation. We've never heard of anyone having such a good time from twelve cents.

Now that Eleanor Redd's boy friend is wearing his discharge button, we're expecting her to put to use the contents of that "hope chest" we've been hearing so much about!

WE LIKE . . .

Gussie Price because she blushes so easily.

Jackie Bryant because she let us see that sentimental valentine from her boy friend.

Virginia Harris because she always has a smile for everyone.

Talmage Thornton because he greets us each morning with a song.

Mildred Setliff because she wears a new coiffure at every shift change.

Sue Pierce because of her Southern drawl.

New Cafeteria Storekeeper Pratt because of the merry twinkle in his eye.

Judith Pettie because she's so easy to tease. By Ruth Yearout

PURCHASING

The latest news from Major (Cap) Kindell is that he is now a Lieutenant-Colonel.

That nice spring-like week-end we had recently made Elizabeth Smith want to start working in her flower garden; Ed Minnick's thoughts turned to the coming fishing season; Imogene Davis yearned for the "sun bath days"; Ruth Nelson rushed around and got her a new spring suit; and Lloyd Riggan immediately took off traveling—to Richmond for the week-end.

By Imogene Davis

PROTECTION

Spencer Reynolds says he must give his girl friend a few points on safety before she takes his car out again.

James Piller is scouting around for a place to call his own before somebody says \$200 a month to him!

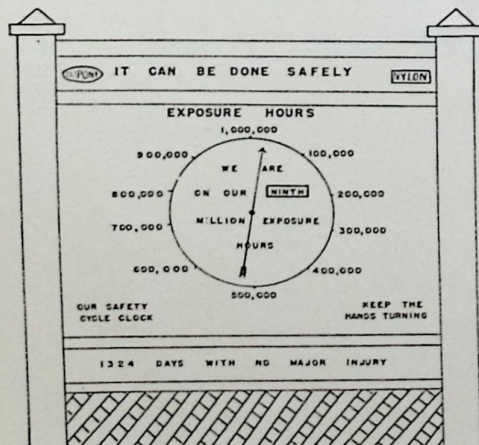
Jack Franklin surely is expecting bad weather when he purchased two loads of wood on the same day.

Branton Martin picked up a great idea from the Dick Tracey comic strip. A telephone plug in every room, eh, "Diet"!

Where is the F. B. I.? Whitten Gregory had most of his wearing apparel stolen the other night.

Pat Holland's nerves are shot due to an early morning visitor and a general Guard House cleaning!

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J. B. Lockridge--Ten Years

Most of the important events in the life of John Lockridge happened during the month of March. He was married March 17; transferred from Waynesboro to Martinsville in March; has two daughters, both born in March.

John himself was born in Deerfield, Va., in June, 1916, where he later attended grammar school. High school, however, was a different matter. Deerfield did not boast of a high school at that time, so John traveled the 25 miles to Chruchfield for his higher education. Immediately after graduation, he entered the employ of Du Pont Construction at Waynesboro. After the first year, John was working as a pipe-corer, after which came a transfer to the pipefitters as a helper. It was not long before John had worked his way up to pipefitter.

John's transfer to Martinsville was effective March 1,



The Lockridge Family

hobby was, John answered, "Just piddlin' around the house."

1943, as a pipefitter in Lewis Sutton's group. The following November, he was detailed as pipe installation inspector and in July, 1944, was promoted to assistant pipefitter foreman, to take care of pipe maintenance work, repair orders and work orders.

The high spot in John's life, so far, happened when he accepted an invitation from friends to take a trip to Washington. It was on this trip that he met Sadie Frances Hall. (His friends had thought of everything.) They were married in Waynesboro, March 17, 1938, and now have two daughters, Betty Jane, age 6, and Joan Bratton, age 3.

The Lockridges have recently moved into their new home on Highland Street. When he was asked what his

J. L. Bell--Ten Years

Jim was born several years ago at Atlantic City, N. J., and since that time, has made it a point to be within driving distance of the seashore for two reasons. He likes to lie in the sun on the beach and he also likes nothing better than to board a small fishing boat with a few friends and head for the open sea for some deep-sea fishing. His best catch, so he says, was a 50-pound tuna.

Jim joined the Du Pont Company as a power plant operator at the Chambers Works at Deepwater, N. J., in February, 1936. In 1939, he was transferred to the Seaford Nylon Plant where he worked as power plant operator until his transfer to Martinsville as power



Mister and Missus

shift supervisor. There was, however, a three-month training period at Spruance prior to coming to Martinsville.

Along with his fishing hobby, Jim has rigged up a small dark room in the basement of his home and here he spends many a pleasant hour playing with paper, negatives and solutions. His golf playing may be called a hobby but he doesn't classify it as such because it is too hard a job to keep his score out of the "terrible" range....

Jim and Mrs. Bell celebrate their twentieth wedding anniversary (china) the seventeenth of this month. Congratulations to the Bells!

Rubber Without Trees

All of us heard and read a lot about synthetic rubber during the war, and still a good many people don't really know what it is. Just what is this rubber that doesn't come from any rubber tree?

The word "synthetic" does not mean a substitute. It simply means "put together." Ordinary table salt can be synthesized or put together from sodium and chlorine. Water can be put together from hydrogen and oxygen.

Rubber is a whole lot more complicated than salt or water, but the chemist knows how its molecule is constructed and so he can put together—actually build—a rubber-like molecule. DU PONT chemists and physicists, and all the other technicians who make these new things for you, didn't start out by saying, "We're going to find a rubber substitute." They set out to make a material that was superior to natural rubber.

DU PONT'S neoprene, the first general purpose synthetic rubber made commercially in the United States, is put together from chemicals derived from coal, limestone and salt, built into molecules with long chemical names like "monovinylacetylene."

Neoprene too has come back from the war and from now on, this chemical rubber will be used in many civilian items, not only for jobs

that are too tough for natural rubber, but for many things that once called for the natural product—because it will make better rubber products. One example of a better than pre-war product is inner tubes for automobile tires, which are now being made commercially from neoprene. Pre-war tubes were perfectly satisfactory so far as long life was concerned. But most of us are forgetful. We don't always remember to keep the right amount of air in our tires at all times, and under inflated tubes shorten tire life. Neoprene tubes hold air much better than natural rubber tubes. With neoprene tubes, you'll get more mileage out of your tires even if you forget to stop at the gas station for air.

The war proved beyond doubt that DU PONT neoprene is better than natural rubber for many purposes. As a result there will soon be hundreds of products containing neoprene—products like floorings, sink strainers, stove pads, refrigerator door seals, upholstery materials—and household gloves in gay, bright colors that will give longer service in contact with kitchen fats and greases, dry cleaning fluids, floor waxes and other substances.

Neoprene rubber is one of the DU PONT COMPANY'S most promising—BETTER THINGS for BETTER LIVING... THROUGH CHEMISTRY.

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Turner Thompson is now trying to compete with the musical accomplishments of Henry Belcher and Branton Martin.

They say that Fred Critz is paying his 1946 taxes with his 1945 refund.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Ivan Wingfield in the loss of his son.

We welcome Clyde Pentress back on the Guard force after pulling over three years for Uncle Sam in the Shore Patrol.

We hate to lose Dan Rodgers to another group but best of luck, Dan!

T. E. "Available" and Mrs. Jones have a new son as of January 26. The "ropes" smoked quite well, T. E., thanks and congratulations!

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Byrd now reside at the "Last Resort," he says. (The Prefabs on Townes Street.)

By The Sergeants

MEDICAL

Marie Bryant had such a good time in California on her terminal leave that we didn't hear from her after she got past Texas on the way out. May we welcome you back to the fold, Marie.

When Lillian Martin enters the premises with that air cooled hair-do, you'll know that spring is following closely.

Hilma Nease started the suntan season off with a peeling nose as of February 17, no less! Northern readers, please note!

Does anyone detect an air of "It Might As Well Be Spring" about Grethel these past cool days?

We are very glad to see Louise still in possession of that front tooth, and her lower lip back in where it is supposed to be.

We might add that rain helps more than crops sometimes. We all suffered several days with a shoe squeak until another wet day dissolved it, and now we don't know where Dr. Dickerson is any more.

By Marge Jacobs

MAINTENANCE

TEXTILE MAINTENANCE

Bill Mizell came to work the other day with a big smile on his face and passing out cigars. He had a good reason, too, with the arrival of a big baby boy at his home. Congratulations, Bill!

Louis Slagle came to work the other day with a cut above his eye. He says he was talking when he should have been listening.

By Henry Duncan

SHOPS

The Shops wish to welcome back on the job: Joe Stillwell, Tom Philpott, Durham Newman, Jack Lewis and T. A. Chaput.

A recent cigar passer-outer was Frank Briner. It's a girl—Congratulations!

On the sick list recently were: Bill Terrell, Henry Rist and Johnnie Cooper.

The Maintenance bowling team trimmed Maintenance Supervision for the championship in spite of Arlie Faunce's fine efforts. (Ed. Note: 'Tain't so!)

At the recent Works Engineering dinner, the Maintenance mighty art players put on a little skit adapted from Shakespeare by Scotty May. We understand the screen rights are still available.

Rex Snapp expects to move into his new house before snow flies again. Next winter's snow, we mean!

Art lovers in the Shops look forward in gleeful anticipation to the gorgeous blossoming of Bob McFadin's spring neckties!

By Hamp Dyches

LABORERS

John L. Dillard is having a tough job on the railroad trying to teach Bill Pace how to drive spikes without breaking the handle out of the hammer.

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George Strickland could drive spikes all right if he didn't run around so much at night until he is not able to raise the hammer high enough to drive one.

Henry Carter is the old weather prophet. He keeps the boys discouraged talking about the weather. He says there are eleven more snows to come yet and most of the boys believe him!

By James King

PROJECT ENGINEERING

Jim Brugh now has a sign which reads "For Sale—White Laced Red Cornish, White Crested Black Polish, Mottled Houdans, Silver Spangled Hamburgs and Lakenvelders." (P. S. They are chickens, believe it or not!)

Roy Bullington is a firm believer in Dr. Kuykendall's "Quick Cure" pills.

Don Martin is not satisfied with drawing and tootin' his horn but is now taking ten easy lessons on "How to Become a First Class Mechanic." This also helps Paul Schuh who needs help in keeping that "junk" of his running.

Lucille Hodges sports a N. W. I. or a black eye every day. Our guess is that her husband does it instead of the stove!

Charlie Keith informs us that he will not be a bachelor much longer.

Johnny Groot tells us that he is inventing an alarm clock which will function in spite of interference from the children. The question is, will the invention or the children be the better alarm clock? ? ?

By Lucille Hodges

POWER SERVICE

John O'Neal is the latest service man to return to the Power Service Group. We're glad to have you back with us, Johnny.

Don McCullough is trying to rent one of the parking spaces so he can open a shop to carry on his flat tire repair business.

Ross Yearout, U. S. Army, informs us that he is taking a walking tour through France and Germany.

We found Jack Holland reading an Armature Winding textbook recently, and later discovered he was trying to learn how to repair the Power House coffee percolator.

By Earl Collins

Employee Suggestions Adopted

February, 1946

INSPECTION, PACKING AND SHIPPING	MAINTENANCE
Louise Robertson	F. B. Custer
John B. Powell	E. R. Wilson
PROCESS CONTROL	SERVICE
Lillian J. Major	Sally Clark
Katherine C. Wright	H. G. Pritchett
William A. Mason	POLYMER AND SPINNING
Ruth B. Minter	Lewis E. Brown
	Troy W. Nelson (2)

POWER

Jim Bell journeyed to Florida recently to spend a vacation, while Ed Helms chose the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Ex-Sailor Ed Ferguson demonstrated his seamanship recently to rescue a cigarette lighter which went overboard in the filter plant.

Bob Mitchell reported for work on the graveyard shift recently at least 50% safety conscious—he was wearing one safety shoe and one dress shoe!

We hope that George Chapman and Charlie Murray will soon be out of the hospital and back on the job again.

By Gay Williams

PROCESS CONTROL

Welcome to the following new girls in P. T. Lab: Katherine Joyce, Anne McHone, Irene Hill, Marie Watkins, Lorene Morris and Cevera Martin.

We regret losing two members of our group—Mary Lib Floyd to the Control Lab and Viola Nelson to her duties as a housewife.

Sunny California is an excellent place for honeymooning reports Edith Campbell, who was recently married to Douglas Boaz.

Ina Woodall now wears a lovely ring on her third finger, left hand. Say you're makin, big plans for that June vacation, Ina? ?

"Fifth Avenue is really wonderful," beamed Marie Watkins after a week-end visit with two ex-Wave friends.

Beatrice Martin and Mary Marion are both getting ready to take that fatal step; so is Ada Cox, but hers is an appendectomy.

Our deepest sympathy to Phillip Prillaman whose father passed away a few days ago.

By Mary Satterfield
Ina Woodall
Myrtle Rutledge

PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

Marge Russell is still having difficulty convincing people that her hobby is not sitting with her feet on the desk and talking over the phone as portrayed in the BLENDER, January issue.

Bill Wood is anticipating some nice week-end trips since his recent purchase of a new Chevrolet.

Bill Woodruff has become an expert on the moving business. When are you going to throw a house-warming party in your new apartment?

Welcome to the three new members of our group—P. D. Cooper, Raymond Lowe and George Hunter.

Jon Carriel in his newly acquired Culver, flew out to Columbus, Ohio, to spend the day with John Clegg, a former member of our group.

By Margaret Russell

PERSONNEL

Flash!! Employment Mystery Solved!! Sherlie "Shylock" Brammer ends search. At last, after five long years, Della Mae was found in the back of a desk!!

Martha Powell, not trying to be obsequious, said that Marvin has been "real good" lately. Wonder what she means by lately?

Sergeant Tarleton Andes is now just plain Mr. Glad to have you back, "Bluekey"!

A certain coal company is going to stop sending Bill Randolph fuel if he doesn't get his driveway fixed. Every time he gets a load the truck gets stuck.

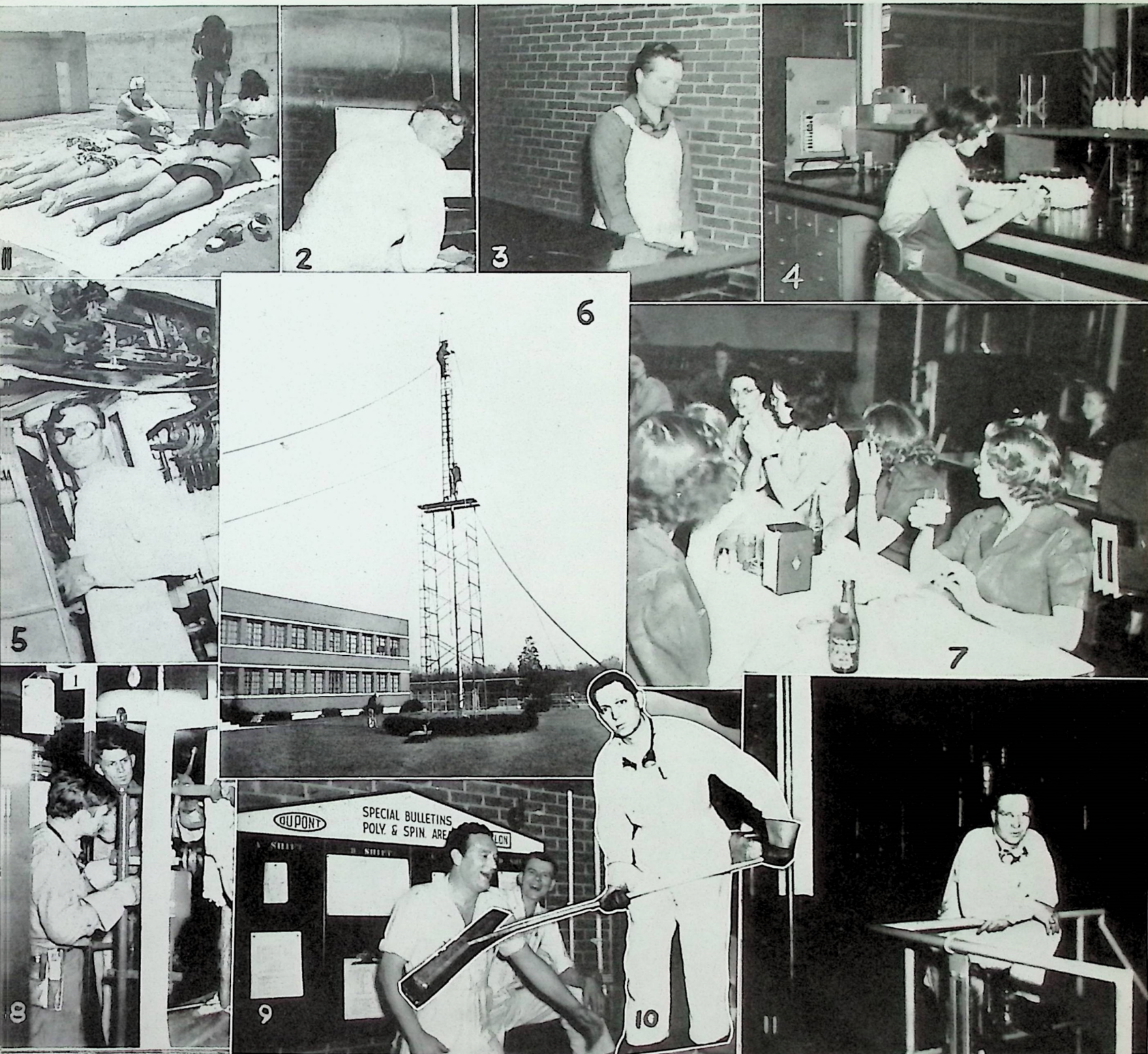
For 9c, just nine hundredths of a dollar, George Branham got an automatic Bendix washing machine. Well, that will be handy for the addition they are expecting this month.

That scramble you hear back in Employment is Ralph Scott trying to beat George to interviewing all the girls.

Irvin Holland, former Personnel employee, alias Pfc. Holland, U. S. Army, is back and working in the Safety Office.

By Jean Critz

SCATTER SHOTS



1—"O, wind, if winter comes, can spring be far behind?"—then good ole summer time. 2—John Hubbard takes time to give us the look. 3—With no outside interest, John Shenal continues his work. 4—While taking things easy, Nell Stanley Mullins gets used to her new name. 5—Graham Barker didn't get a chance to fancy up for this shot. 6—The "monkeys" on the flagpole are Emmitt Hipes and "Slim" Davis; Tarzan Jim Carter swings on to the ropes! 7—Venie Whitlock, Beulah McDonald, "Hidden Face," and Frances Amos are interested in something better than a camera. 8—Willie Caldwell and A. A. Austin are keeping things in a running condition. 9—John Gayle gets a good laugh; Ben Gardner gets the brush off by (10) Wes Mattox. 11—Hard at work and getting adjusted to civilian life, Grady Holley looks over the P. & S. Third Floor.



*I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd—
A host of golden daffodils,
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.*

*Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the Milky Way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay.
Then thousands saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.*

*The waves beside them danced; but they
Outdid the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company!
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought.*

*For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.*

By WILLIAM WORDSWORTH

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"THE PONY EXPRESS"

From St. Joseph to Sacramento
April, 1860 to September, 1861

OUTPONT

From St. Joseph to Sacramento

Since the beginning of man, his progress has closely been associated with his methods of transportation and communication. Great battles have been fought and many lives lost because the news of peace reached the field of battle too late. Disasters have been averted by the fast transmittal of warnings or instructions. Buttons are pushed here and the action takes place hundreds of miles away. The leverman pulls a lever in the tower and a railroadswitch miles away will open or close.

In the period from 1860 to 1865, when the Union was torn with strife and indecision, when states and peoples were so far away from each other, it was imperative that the fastest means of communication be exploited between the east and west United States. At that time, the telegraph lines had been erected as far west as St. Joseph, Mo., but a quick method of getting mail on to California had to be arranged; hence the Pony Express.

The distance covered 1,950 miles of all kinds of terrain, plains, desert, forests and mountains; all kinds of weather from blistering heat to freezing sleet and snow. On top of all these, the riders were set upon by bandits and Indians, often having to fight for their lives with a

six-shooter. The first rider of the Pony Express galloped out of St. Joseph (the eastern terminus) on April 3, 1860. One year later, Lincoln's Inaugural address was carried through to Sacramento, the capital of California, in seven days and 17 hours. The animals used were not ponies but fleet American horses, which were stationed at "stages" from 10 to 15 miles apart and each rider rode three horses successively covering not less than 33 miles before he passed the pouch to his successor. Many times when a rider reached a station, he found the next man had been killed by Indians, so on he would go over the second route. "Buffalo Bill" Cody once rode three hundred and twenty miles at top speed without resting.

The charge made for the service was \$2.50 per one-most valuable papers and half ounce, thus only the packages were carried.

The life of the Pony Express (seventeen months) was even shorter than that of the Overland Stage. As soon as the telegraph reached the Pacific, express riders were no longer necessary. But they did a great work in bringing the West closer to the East at a time of national necessity.

In Memoriam

"And then that sweetest and saddest of all music—the sounding of taps. There is a pause as the echoes die and the coffin is lowered into the earth." Thus were the mortal remains of the late President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, laid to rest in the family plot at Hyde Park one year ago. Thus was the ending of one of the greatest men in the history of the nation, nay, in the history of the world. But his memory shall live on; neither man nor time can erase his mark—the mark of the great friend of the common man. He who knew the thoughts and aspiration of the "little people," their hopes, their dreams.

Yes, his memory shall live on. It will spring into being in the smile of the little child, who will know a richer, fuller life because he lived. It shall live in the

hearts of the people of Europe who will again know of hope—and faith—and charity because these were gifts of which he gave so freely. His memory will stand as a mighty bulwark, an impregnable fortress against those enemies of democracy who would encompass and destroy it.

Although the late President Roosevelt was born "with a silver spoon in his mouth," so to speak, he never during his long career in public life, lost sight of the rights and desires of the man on the street. His entire life, with the exception of a very few years during which he practiced law in New York City, was spent in the service of his state and nation.

It is fitting, therefore, that we stop for just a minute and reaffirm to ourselves his teachings and beliefs in the destiny of man.

A Psalm of Life

*Tell me not, in mournful numbers,
Life is but an empty dream! . . .
For the soul is dead that slumbers,
And things are not what they seem.
Life is real! Life is earnest!
And the grave is not its goal;
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
Was not spoken of the soul.
Not enjoyment and not sorrow
Is our destined end or way;
But to act, that each tomorrow
Find us further than today.*

*Art is long, and time is fleeting,
And our hearts, though stout and brave,
Still, like muffled drums, are beating
Funeral marches to the grave.
In the world's broad field of battle,
In the bivouac of life,
Be not like dumb, driven cattle!
Be a hero in the strife!
Trust no future, howe'er pleasant!
Let the dead past bury its dead!
Act—act in the living present!
Heart within, and God o'erhead!*

*Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time . . .
Footprints, that perhaps another,
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,
Seeing, shall take heart again.
Let us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait.*

By HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW

SAFE GARDENING



MAYBE THESE ARE EXTREME MEASURES,
BUT BY CAREFUL PLANNING AND CAREFUL
EXECUTION OF THE PLANS, MANY PAINFUL
ACCIDENTS CAN BE PREVENTED.

PROJECT ENGINEERING

Back on The Job

EX-CPL. IRVIN HOLLAND

After induction on March 8, 1943, basic at Fort Eustis for 13 weeks, Irvin was assigned to the 506th Anti-Aircraft Battalion. He went to the Marine Base at San Diego, Cal., for amphibious training in beach landings.

Irvin left the States in June, 1944, for Pearl Harbor where he was on alert duty for eight months. On January 21, 1945, he left with the Marines, his destination Iwo Jima, and made a landing there February 24 with an Amphibious Task Force.

For the next two months, Irvin got used to calling two home, but was not the least bit sorry to board the Aircraft Carrier *Bunker Hill* and come back state-side on December 24, 1945.

EX-SGT. DAVID W. WILLIAMS

"Dink" had basic at Kearns, Utah, and became a medic attached to the Second Training Command of the U. S. A. A. F. He then went to a Technicians School in Colorado and learned to use a hypo needle. After three months there, he was assigned to three or four different hospitals over a period of two months and finally went to the hospital at the Nashville Army Air Center for 16 months.

In January, 1945, he was transferred to a convalescent hospital at Plattsburg, N. Y., and remained there until February 1. At this time, he reported to Fort Meade for his discharge.

LESTER C. FINNEY, EX-MAM 2/c

Lester was probably one of the most well-liked persons on any and all bases where he was stationed. He was a mail man. After seven weeks of Fleet Post Office training in Miami, he went to San Francisco where he was stationed for eight months.

His overseas assignments began at Dutch New Guinea, but he was later moved to Navy Fleet Post Office No. 3149, in civilian language, Samar Island in the Philippines. Here he worked the registered mail section until he came back to the States on January 3, 1946.

EX-SGT. JAMES H. RUTLIDGE

Jim, inducted October 15, 1942, had three weeks of basic training before being assigned to an Airplane Mechanics School in Lincoln, Neb. Eight months more of school in Englewood, Cal., and Meridian, Miss., then Jim was classified and ready for the flight line, on which he worked for five months. At the end of this time, he started flying on B-17's as an engineer.

Jim climaxed his Army career as a bus driver at Chanute Field, Ill., and was happy when on February 25, 1946, they gave him his discharge.

EX-T 5 JAMES C. EDWARDS

Inducted September 22, 1942, James received his basic at Indiantown Gap.

At Stoneman he was assigned to the 481st Port Battalion and was sent to Camp John T. Knight, Cal., for five weeks. He shipped out to New Caledonia, where he stayed another three weeks before moving on to Guadalcanal for twenty-four months.

May 10, 1945, James cast off to Luzon, where he stayed until his return to the States in November. He landed at San Francisco and was sent to Fort Bragg, where he received his discharge on December 11, 1945.

THOMAS PHILPOTT, EX-MM 1/c

Three months' training and then Tom, who was assigned to the destroyer escort, U. S. S. *Newman*, left in a convoy from Norfolk for Bizerte.

September 15 they left for action in the Pacific. Stopping at Hollandia, New Guinea, for fuel, supplies and ammunition, they sailed on for Leyte, Dutch Indies and Borneo. Mindoro, Lengyan Gulf, Palawan and Cebu were among 10 initial invasions in which Tom's ship participated.

When the war ended, they carried occupational troops to Juisen, Korea; after three trips to Korea and one to Tientsin, China, they left for the States and put into shore at San Diego. He received his discharge January 16, 1946.

EX-SGT. GLENN B. HENSLEY

A little over three years ago, Pete left Stores to help out his "Uncle," and after 13 weeks' basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala., he was sent to an Adjutant General's School. Upon completing this course, he was assigned to Headquarters of the Third A. A. F.

Pete left the States in July, 1944, and was sent to Finchhaven, New Guinea. He traveled in Australia, East Indies, Leyte, and Luzon doing the same type work he did in the States. March, 1945, he was sent to Manila and worked as sergeant-major for the Fifth A. A. F. Service Command until he came back to the States on November 28, 1945.

EX-PFC. TARCISIUS CHAPUT

After induction February 25, 1943, and maneuvers in Tennessee, Tarcisius went to Camp McCain, Miss.

July, 1944, he left for Scotland and England and D-Day plus 49 crossed the channel to Utah beach. From St. Nezaire they went south to Luxembourg to help push back the Belgium Bulge. They later joined the 94th Division, Third Army, and followed them across the Rhine River and then pulled back into the Ruhr Valley. On January 1, 1946, they left from Le Havre for New York.

EX-LT. MARIE BRYANT

Marie enlisted in the Army Nurse Corps on January 1, 1945, but it was April 2 before she was called for active service.

When she first arrived at Deshon General Hospital, Butler, Pa., she landed on the penicillin ward, which was one of the busiest in the hospital, but was later transferred to the septic surgery and hard of hearing ward.

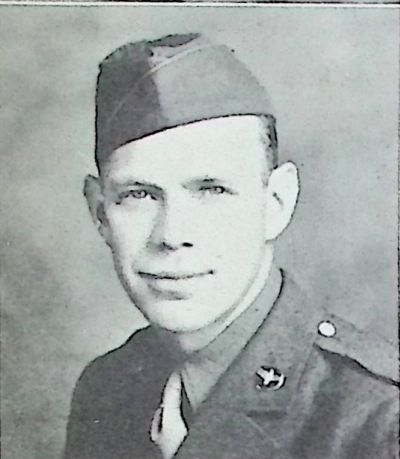
Marie, now back in our own Medical Section, received her discharge at Fort Dix, N. J., on December 31, 1945.

EX-PVT. FRANK H. MARTIN

Frank started his basic training, January 1, 1943, at Sheppard Field, Texas. After a month there, he was sent to Truax Field, Madison, Wis., where he became a drill instructor for 13 months. Advance training in anti-aircraft was given him at Camp Stewart, Ga., before being sent to England.

July 10, 1944, his group landed on Utah Beach and were assigned to the 3691st Truck Company with the Third Army. After reaching Versailles, they opened up the "Red Ball" Highway, carrying supplies to the Third Army.

When the war ended Frank was in Wurtsburg, Germany, but left in June for Marseille and the States, receiving his discharge on December 18.



Back on The Job

EX-PVT. JAMES M. TAYLOR

James, inducted November 12, 1942, had six weeks of training at Camp McQuade, Cal.

A transfer to a Harbor Defense Unit of the 3d Coast Artillery came through and James was sent to Los Angeles for thirteen months as a searchlight operator.

In March, 1945, he went to Camp Howse, Texas, for basic training in the Infantry and with Army ways "round and round he goes" until he finally landed in the Air Corps as a truck driver.

Another transfer and he worked at Fort Wayne, Ind., at the separation center. After discharging men for six weeks, finally was discharged himself at Greensboro, N. C., on February 1, 1946.

BILL WILLIAMS, EX-MOMM 2/c

The Power House welcomed Bill back after a 19-month visit with Uncle Sam's Navy. He started his career at the San Diego Repair Base where he spent 10 months.

Along with the first typhoon, Bill also hit Okinawa. There he was a repairman for Diesel Engines, and remained here until December 11.

Bill was given his discharge from the Navy at Bainbridge, Md., on January 10, 1946.

EX-SGT. TARLETON B. ANDES

At Camp Claiborne, La., Tarleton was assigned to the 1307th Engineers General Service Regiment and later instructed in engine basic till March 6, 1944.

He left Camp Stoneman, Cal., for Milne Bay, where he was attached to a Boat Building Command. Here they built the bulk of the L. C. M.'s used in the invasion of the Philippines.

On Luzon they build bridges and roads in support of infantry troops, and in Manila, they constructed hangars and runways at Nichols Field and rebuilt the Dewey Boulevard.

"Blukey's" particular job was welding but he also was in charge of Special Service and Public Relations. In this service, he came in contact with such celebrities as Danny Kaye, Gracie Fields, Jack Benny, Kay Kayser, etc. He also sponsored the play, "Oklahoma."

H. T. COMPTON, EX-MM 1/c

Sixteen months of Harvey's time in the Navy was spent at the Norfolk Navy Yard, where he was a machinist and engineer on a tug boat. These tug boats were used for moving ships, barges, cranes, etc., around the harbor and helped move the *Shangri-La* three times.

Aboard the U. S. S. *Landers*, he sailed for Leyte but left this ship at the Marshall Islands and was assigned to the U. S. S. *Oahu*, a repair ship.

Harvey returned to the States Christmas Day and was discharged at Norfolk on February 11, 1946.

EX-SGT. RUSSELL WINGFIELD

When the truck transport that Russell was traveling on got to England, they lost no time in unloading them and getting them filled with the supplies and equipment they would be needing. For on D-Day plus 28, they were landing on Omaha Beach in France.

In France they were attached to the Third Army and were supplying them with ammunition and gasoline.

Russell holds the E. T. O. ribbon with five stars, and the Good Conduct Medal. He was discharged from the Army on December 31.

EX-SGT. HOWARD McNEELY

Before going to the European Theatre of Operation, Mac had advance training in Anti-Aircraft, was an instructor on 50 cal. machine guns, had basic in infantry training, and was generally well trained for the fighting that was to come.

At Le Harve, he was immediately assigned to 60 mm. mortars in 120th Infantry, 30th Division, Ninth Army, and rushed to help push back the Belgium Bulge. After the Bulge, they pushed on towards Germany and he was the 52d man of the 9th Army to cross the Ruhr.

Mac was scheduled for redeployment to the Pacific but had gotten only as far as England when action out there ceased. His Company proceeded on to the States where they received their discharges.

GRADY T. JESSUP, EX-MOMM 3/c

From boot training at Camp Peary, Va., Grady was sent to Diesel Engineering School at Gulfport, Miss., for five weeks. After which he was assigned to the *YO178*.

They left Pensacola in April, 1945, for San Diego. From the States, they went to the Philippines, Eniwitok in the Marshall Islands and finally back to Kwajalin and operated there in the lagoon until they left for the States, January 3, 1946.

Grady received his discharge on January 24 and is working in P. & S.

W. C. LAWSON, EX-CM 3/c

Bill left the P. & S. Area to become a carpenter's mate in the Navy. He landed first at Pearl Harbor but went on to Saipan. Here they loaded ships with supplies and sailed for Okinawa.

On Okinawa they were attached to a general construction outfit assigned to building roads and air strips. They were here for nine months before coming back to the States.

After receiving his discharge on February 2, from Camp Shelton, Va., he reported back to work in P. & S.

EX-T 3 DURHAM O. NEWMAN

From his job as locksmith, Durham became a private in the Army. He was assigned to the 392d Ordnance Company and left Seattle, Wash., for Hawaii. In Hawaii, he was attached to the 10th Army that was headed for Okinawa.

The group landed at Okinawa on April 17, 1945, and Durham, as shop foreman, had charge of repairing battle-field recovery guns. During the battle for Okinawa, Durham estimated they recovered and repaired 10,000 M-1 rifles.

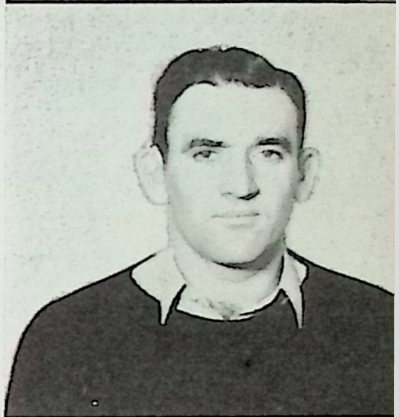
Fort Bragg became the final destination in his Army career and Durham received his discharge from there on January 27, 1946.

EX-ENSIGN SPOTTSYL DRAPER

After eight weeks of boot camp at Bainbridge, sixteen weeks at a store-keeper's school, "Spot" was assigned to the U. S. S. *Foss* (DE-59). He was on convoy and anti-submarine duty in the North Atlantic until February, 1944. At this time, he joined a V-12 Unit and went to midshipman's school 8 months.

April 26, 1945, he received his commission from Columbia University and along with a honeymoon in Miami, "Spot" went to an advance line school for 9 weeks.

After he was assigned to the U. S. S. *Canberra*, they headed for the Pacific, but their orders were changed and they docked at San Pedro on December 23, 1945.



Safety Conference and Exposition

The Seventh Annual Southern Safety Conference and Exposition was held March 4 and 5 at the Robert E. Lee Hotel in Winston-Salem. This Conference covers fourteen states consisting of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia. Approximately four hundred delegates attended the two-day Conference. The following employees represented the Martinsville Plant, and below we have printed their observation of the proceedings. March 4: Jim Mitchell, Eldred Hill, Travis Mattox, Willa Turner, Gloris Vaughn, Emil Slovic, Gene Clay. March 5: Bill McGowan, Dot Cummings, Charlie Butcher, Adrian Disney, Alice Tudor, George Ainsley, George Branham. Bill Burgess and Courtney Adams, of the safety Office, attended the entire Conference.

"It was my first occasion to visit a safety conference, consequently, I have a better knowledge of the general topic of safety. The panel discussion of safety appealed to me more than the lectures. These meetings are well worth while and anyone attending is bound to think more about safety and his part in it. I did get some new ideas for safety meetings, how to get more benefit from these meetings. The Safety Office Personnel did a grand job of making arrangements for our delegates."

GENE CLAY

Accounting Section

"A very worth-while conference, I have now a much broader outlook on safety than before. Previously, I had associated non-safe practices with cut fingers, blisters and the like. Now I know how many times they mean the loss of arms, legs and human lives.

"The lecture, 'Humanics in Safety,' brought out the point that the blame could not all be traced to equipment or machinery. The responsibility rests more with the individual. The lecturer stated facts that 90% of all accidents were caused by human failure and not machine failure."

GEORGE AINSLEY

Process Development Group

"There were a number of interesting facts on general problems of safety presented. Can you imagine, it is estimated that 40,000 people are forcing death by accident by 1950? I enjoyed talking with all the other people at the conference who were so interested in safety. I was glad of the opportunity to attend."

MISS ALICE TUDOR
Service Group

"It was, indeed, an inspirational experience for me to have the privilege of attending the conference. Both the conference and exhibits were most interesting; however, our safety procedure and methods are somewhat ahead of most of the suggestions of the conference. It is now understandable to me why the Du Pont Company has such an enviable position in safety performance."

J. E. HILL

Polymer and Spinning Area

"Of course, when one attends a large conference such as this one was, it is easy to be impressed with everything that happens. I had never seen some of the safety devices as were on display but I saw nothing which would improve on the devices and precautions we already have in use. I liked the talks very much and was tremendously impressed by the importance attached to safety by so many people. I had always thought of safety applying to the Martinsville Plant. The whole trip was made more enjoyable by the preparations made by Bill Burgess and Courtney Adams."

GLORIS VAUGHN

Inspection and Shipping

"I feel that I definitely received valuable information from the Southern Safety Conference. Most of the speakers were very forceful and brought messages that should give us renewed determination to prevent accidents.

"I particularly enjoyed the address of Mr. T. J. Dunman, Safety Director at the Mengel Company, Louisville, Ky. He spoke on the subject of 'Humanics in Safety.' The new term, he said, means the human element in safety—we had been going about the problem in the wrong manner in trying to correct machines when the human being, the individual himself is the starting place."

GEORGE BRANHAM

Personnel Group

"I was very much impressed with the emphasis being put on safety in industry, in the homes, in schools, in communication and transportation systems.

"The exhibits were good and the delegates of the various concerns represented were very cordial and hospitable.

"Many excellent safety points were brought out by the speakers which, of course, our delegates will pass along to their individual area. A 'pat on the back' goes to Bill Burgess and Courtney Adams for looking out for us delegates in such fine fashion during the conference."

TRAVIS MATTOX
Textile

"It would be very hard for me to express my thoughts as to just how much I enjoyed my trip to the safety convention. It was very interesting and I was so glad to be one of the delegates.

"We heard some very interesting talks during the day and one which impressed me very much was the address, 'Watch Your Step,' by Mr. Thurmon Sensing, who is Director of Research, Nashville, Tenn. During the afternoon in the industrial section, there was an interesting panel discussion on 'Keeping Safety Interest Alive.' The participants were from various industries and it was very interesting to hear the different ideas presented.

"There were a number of interesting displays there and some which we were able to get ideas from."

WILLA TURNER
Textile Area

"I enjoyed the meeting very much. All the speeches which were given by men who are interested in the promotion of safety were most interesting as well as instructive.

"To me, one of the most impressive lectures was by Dr. Frank P. Graham, President of University of North Carolina. The key word to his talk was 'Cooperation.' Dr. Graham stated that man could not be safe until he learns to control his inventions.

"It was a pleasure to meet people from other places, and it was good to know that so many are interested in safety."

DOT CUMMINGS
Textile

"The conference itself impressed me because of the presence of many prominent men who were devoting most or all of their time to safety, secure in the knowledge that their work was making the world a better place in which to live. The lectures I heard might be summarized as follows: The records prove that considerable progress has been made in safety, some speakers even stating that better safety records were considered by them to be indicative of increased production. Current atomic and mechanical developments, however, combined with a postwar relaxation, necessitate our whole-hearted support in improving safety performance in the plant, on the highways, and in the home."

A. W. DISNEY

Project Engineering

"Very worth-while conference. It illustrated the growing interest not only in industrial safety but also in traffic safety. Much time was devoted to the latter subject in an effort to stimulate sufficient interest in reducing the present heavy death toll due to automobile accidents."

W. F. MCGOWAN

"The national trend of thought on safety, as emphasized by a number of talks at this conference, was most encouraging—especially on non-industrial injuries.

"There is a growing realization that safety must become a more integral part of our educational system.

"It was also emphasized that much effort is now being directed toward treating safety with the same type of emphasis as is now placed on certain national health problems, such as tuberculosis, cancer, etc. This, obviously is effective thinking and will get results.

J. W. MITCHELL

"There is nothing like the observation of what other people are doing to make one more conscious of the progress or lack of progress he is accomplishing. There are always a few new ideas one can pick up and profit by. I especially enjoyed the lecture on 'Humanics in Safety,' probably because I had felt the same way for sometime. You know, really, safety anywhere is just what the individual makes it. I can cite you a lot of instances which happened to me that were definitely my own responsibility, but we had better not go into that."

EMIL SLOVIC

Maintenance

"The time and effort spent by many people to make the safety conference successful clearly indicates the amount of interest in safety.

"Some information I gained from two very good lectures given the day I attended the conference has already been used to an advantage."

F. C. BUTCHER
Power

Five Years' Company Service



Floyd Jessee, P. & S.
A. S. D. March 20, 1941



Adrian Disney, Proj. Eng.
A. S. D. March 24, 1941



Julian Taylor, Stores
A. S. D. March 24, 1941



Bob Vogler, P. & S.
A. S. D. March 18, 1941



"Epp" Stanley, P. & S.
A. S. D. March 20, 1941



Mort Prillaman, P. & S.
A. S. D. March 21, 1941



Gene Ramsey, P. & S.
A. S. D. February 3, 1941



Irvin Holland, Safety
A. S. D. March 21, 1941



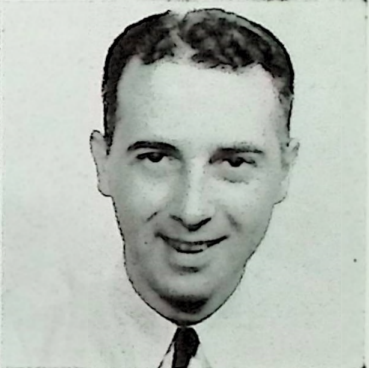
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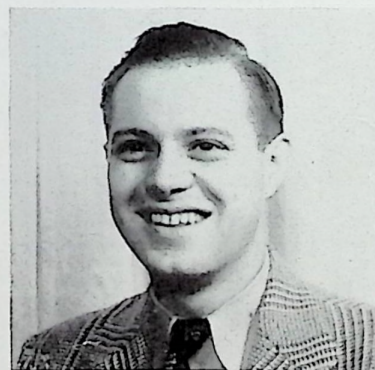
Paul Cooper, Proc. Dev.
A. S. D. December 30, 1940



Woodsie Gardner, Prot.
A. S. D. December 30, 1940



Bob Munchmeyer, P. & S.
A. S. D. April 1, 1941



Russ Pease, Tex. Maint.
A. S. D. April 7, 1941



Doris Martin, Welf. and Rec.
A. S. D. April 11, 1941



Marj Jacobs, Medical
A. S. D. April 14, 1941



Buford Minter, Maint.
A. S. D. April 7, 1941

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The appearance in this month's issue of a "What Do You Think?" or an "Inquiring Reporter" column marks the beginning of such a feature as a regular part of each issue of THE BLENDER. This column is not designed to discuss subjects of a controversial, political nature. It is purely an effort on the part of THE BLENDER to get the reaction to certain questions of a general nature that apply to our plant or our people. Of course, you can understand that our discussion of world politics or whether Joe Doaks should be elected Timekeeper of the Royal Order of Bareback Horsemen, would not influence the result one way or the other.

As yet we have no name for this column. We would like for our readers to use the enclosed form to suggest a title and also suggest any questions they would like to see discussed. The reporters' editorial committee composed of Margaret Russell, Ruth Yearout and Clair Phillips will act as judges in selecting the winning title.

At left is the first question, which is just a starter. We hope that further questions will be more specific and to the point.

What Season of the Year Do You Like Best?



Jim Davis, Shipping, gives his answer to Jean Critz. "Summer, that's the best! You can play golf, go swimming—and after being in the Pacific for about two years—putting on chains in freezing weather is no snap. This winter stuff is just too cold for me."



"Ah! April and spring, it's my wedding anniversary," murmurs Mayme Franklin, Cafeteria.



Harold Justice, Electrical Shop, comes through with "Christmas and December." On December 1, I was discharged from the Navy. Also I've lived most of my life in Iowa and have gotten used to the coldness. Ain't it invigoratin'?"

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Company Entertains Basketballers At Banquet



After playing a strenuous season and a lot of good basketball, the members of both the Girls' and Men's teams were feted with a banquet by the Welfare and Recreation Section a few nights ago. Mr. Gerald Quirk, Director of Recreation, City of Danville, who has been associated with athletics and recreation for over ten years, gave a very interesting and encouraging talk on the trend of recreation.

In the above photos, THE BLENDER photographer caught everybody with that full, pleased expression. TOP PHOTO, STANDING, LEFT TO RIGHT: Hill, Yates, Jones, Johnson. SEATED: Compton, Hazelwood, Baughn, Wells. CENTER, LEFT TO RIGHT: Pankovich, Grant, girls' coach; Scott, Winters, Joyce, Woods, Heller, Lentz, coach. BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT: Page, Clark, Gerald Quirk, speaker; Johnson, Daughtry, Hill and Pankovich again.

New "Lucite" Accessories Combine Glamor and Sparkle with Practical Advantages

Plastic accessories are back again to help glamorize the peacetime home. New designs in "Lucite," acrylic plastic are now being offered by several manufacturers. Ornamental in itself because of its sparkling crystal-clearness, the plastic has been further "glorified" by new techniques of coloring and applied decorations. These articles are light in weight and virtually unbreakable—practical advantages the homemaker will appreciate.

Among food and drink service items is a SALAD BOWL with MATCHING FORK AND SPOON. This bowl is designed to reveal the variegated colors of vegetables and fruit.

A few of the accessories are: SCRAP BASKETS, SERVING TRAYS and CIGARETTE BOXES of "Lucite" in translucent green with clear plastic trim. Both emerald and moss green, either in plain color or with painted floral decorations are obtainable. There are also BASKETS and TRAYS of jade white with painted motifs that range from flowers to scenic effects.

Clear "Lucite" decorative PICTURE FRAME has a patented groove at the front to hold the war hero's campaign ribbons. The oblong frame has uprights at each side, and stands firmly on its base.

A crystal-clear NEWSPAPER HOLDER, shaped like a lyre, is ideal for the man who insists on reading during meals.

The list of other useful and ornamental articles of "Lucite" includes GARMENT HANGERS, some in soft pastel shades, in junior as well as senior sizes.

TIE BACKS of "Lucite" add a decorative sparkle to draperies. Clear and colorless, or colored if preferred, the "Lucite" reflects light to emphasize window beauty. FESTOON RINGS, water-white or colored, twisted or plain, are more plastic CURTAIN ACCESSORIES for the well-dressed home.

Sets of COASTERS, square or round are available with a PLASTIC HOLDER. FOOD COVERS in inverted bowl shape combine table decoration with food protection.

Chemistry and Television

The Columbia Broadcasting System has announced its first public showings of high frequency television in color. There are other signs that television is at last on its way to you. CBS will televise 28 basketball games and 19 hockey games this winter. And the National Broadcasting Company will televise not only basket ball and hockey, but prize fights and other sporting events.

One reason television has been delayed is that the war called for the production of radar, rather than television sets. Another reason is that the picture—the image seen at the receiving end—was small. This has been taken care of now; television pictures can be enlarged several times the size they used to be—big enough to fill a home movie screen. They are magnified with the aid of a plastic lens. A few years ago the lens would have been too expensive, because it would have been necessary to grind it from optical glass. Now it is simply and economically made of DU PONT "Lucite" methyl methacrylate resin, which is crystal-clear.

Another plastic that will help to bring you better television when the new receivers reach the market, is polythene. Discovered in England and

further developed in the United States by DU PONT, polythene, a light-weight plastic—so light it floats on water—is an unusually good insulator for the kind of high-frequency electricity used in television. When the Army-Navy football game was televised for the first time, this past November, it was picked up in Philadelphia and relayed to New York and Schenectady over coaxial cables insulated with polythene.

Television stations are built by electrical and mechanical engineers. But there are no hard-and-fast boundaries in science. Just as physicists and engineers help us greatly with chemistry at the DU PONT COMPANY, so the chemist helps other scientists in the field of electronics.

Scientific interdependence—mutual helpfulness—is graphically illustrated by television's use of lenses of "Lucite" and polythene insulation, both of which are DU PONT—BETTER THINGS FOR BETTER LIVING . . . THROUGH CHEMISTRY.

Golden Egg Awarded to Du Pont for Development of "Delsterol"

A golden egg for distinguished service to the poultry industry was recently awarded to the Du Pont Company by the New Jersey State Poultry Association. The award was made for the company's development of "Delsterol" "D"-activated animal sterol (Vitamin D), which was produced in adequate quantities for the poultry industry's Vitamin D requirements during the war. The award was accepted by Dr. James Waddell, who, in the Biological Laboratory of Du Pont's Fine Chemicals Division at New Brunswick, N. J., conducted the research underlying the practical production of "Delsterol" for use in poultry feeds. The trophy was presented on behalf of the Association by Dr. Walter C. Russell, professor of biochemistry at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, who pointed out that Dr. Waddell had demonstrated that exposure of animal provitamin to ultraviolet irradiation produced a Vitamin D which is effective for poultry.



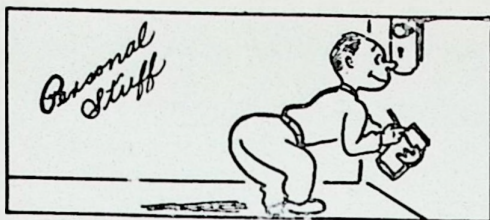
Something new is underfoot! Sandals of Du Pont's crystal-clear "Lucite" methyl methacrylate resin are shining accessories for the special evening. Sturdily constructed and shaped for comfort, the plastic sandals are tied on with bright ribbon. They are available also in translucent colors of the plastic

Nylon Plastic Articles Expected Soon

Nylon plastics are turning up on store counters throughout the country in the form of drinking TUMBLERS, COMBS, SLIDE FASTENERS, TABLEWARE, CHILDREN'S FEEDING DISHES, and other articles that require toughness, heat, and chemical resistance, and various degrees of flexibility.

Five types of nylon molding powders are in commercial production. Color is currently limited to the natural nylon color, a translucent ivory, but opaque and translucent colors are expected to be available commercially within the coming year.

The plastic is exceptionally tough—a nylon drinking cup can be dropped on concrete without damage—and so resistant to heat that it can be sterilized in boiling water or steam. The plastic is practically unaffected by age and is extremely slow-burning. During the war its use was limited to important military and industrial applications.



POLYMER AND SPINNING

"A" SHIFT

Clyde Lawson and Mable Lawson, from the Meadows of Dan, joined in Holy Matrimony, Friday, March 15, 1946. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs.!

After the ending of graveyard shift, Al Twing, a new member of "A" Shift, spent a "quiet" week-end in New York with his wife.

Odell Cooper and Rural Gusler are wearing their little "bronze buttons" issued by Uncle Sam, and are working with the old "Gas House Gang" again.

Looks as if something is going to happen to Curtis Martin, buying a new home and furnishings. Don't keep us in the dark, Curt!

Morton Prillaman has moved into his new modern home but is having trouble keeping his doors shut without the proper hardware. Better go back to the old style, Mort, and use wooden pegs.

By Worth Martin

"B" SHIFT

Anyone interested in furniture, see John Gauldin.

Frank Chitwood is trying to figure out what model his automobile is now. It has a '46 motor and a '33 body.

We wish to welcome Tommy Wigginton, Clarence Lawson and Armon Deal to the shift.

George Harville is still looking for a house! Congratulations to Howard Montref on the arrival of a baby girl!

Anyone needing a good carpenter, see Jim Murphy.

By Jack Witherow

"C" SHIFT

We are glad to have Ralph Hinton, former guard, with us on our shift.

Akers Lawson is back with us after a long stay in the service. Nice having you back, Lawson.

Wes Mattox says he told "Skeeter" that it wasn't summertime, but that didn't make any difference. "Skeeter" still went home barefooted!

"Preacher" Graham has bought a new home recently.

Floyd Jessee is happy to know that the yarn lock and washer will soon be back in operation.

John Stovall might miss choir practice sometimes, but he is still up to date on his singing!

By Ben Gardner

"D" SHIFT

There shouldn't be any shortage of vegetables around here this summer, with Price Witt planning to grow three crops of everything. But we will wait and see!

Bruce Jones says he is going to drive his car until the wheels fall off. Maybe the Safety Supervisor had better have a little contact with him.

Too bad Al Strickland's hens are getting so big he can't sell them. How about attaching fan tails and putting them on the turkey market.

Claude and Sterling Minter must be planning to get stuck in the mud by the way they listen to Bill Young tell how he got out the other day!

Glad to hear Jim Souther is getting along nicely after his recent operation.

It's getting more and more like old times! We're mighty glad to welcome back to "D"

Shift: Jim Davis, Arthur Ellis, James Rutledge, Marvin Johnson, Jim Taylor, "Dink" Williams and Bill Jones.

By Tom Stanley

DAY CREW AND DAY RELIEF

Recently we have nicknamed Ernie Moore, "Harvey Junior."

Naomi is all smiles again. Why? ? ? ?

Elsie is expecting her son home from overseas.

Murray Bryant has traded his Ford for a sleek Dodge.

"Slim" Gayle has taken up painting as a hobby!

Bernard Turner is anxious to start plowing!

MAINTENANCE

P. & S. MAINTENANCE

Tom Morris is trying to decide which to do on his week-end off—play golf or go in the shrubbery business.

J. R. Handy finally found out what happened to his dog food. On coming home around midnight, he finds an opossum eating while the dogs looked on.

We welcome Ann Nelson back after being out sick.

T. W. Painter is having a hard time securing a hot water heater. Anyone having one they don't need, get in touch with Painter. He would like to get it installed before the weather gets too hot.

Fred Bostick is undecided as whether to buy more baby chicks or not. It all depends on the meat situation!

Archie Hughes, after living in a hot climate so long, is asking for all the screen changes on the second floor.

By T. D. Alexander Paul Hutchens

TEXTILE MAINTENANCE

Jimmie Kallam was seen passing out cigars after the arrival of a big baby boy.

Noel Wood is raising chickens and keeping a cost record!

Marvin Rankin buying a house.—Ken Mizell staying up with the baby, and waiting to move into his new home.—George Evans trying to whistle the pins down in the bowling alley.—"Fats" Harris trying to sell the car he bought from Russ Pease at a profit.—Louis "Knitting Machine" Slagle keeping the machinery rolling.—Clarence Harris turning in a good suggestion.

By Henry J. Duncan

SHOPS

Henry Rist has recovered from his recent illness and is back on the job.

According to all indications, the bells will be ringing for Charles DeShazo, come June!

Jack Gardner only contracted to paint Jim Potter's walls and ceilings—the special effects on the floors and furniture he threw in extra!

Since haircuts have gone up, Scotty May and Harlan Major are planning to go to the barber shop together and get one haircut between them!

By ? ? ? ?

LABORERS

It seems our friend Bill Pace is trying to enlist in the Army these days. He has already started wearing the cap to his future uniform.

George Reed is the only fellow in our group that is able to walk the clutch out of a power-driven lawn mower!

William Patterson and William Gravely are so carried away over a baseball game, they almost play one in the Cafeteria.

Russell Wingfield thinks so much of the Company truck, which he drives, that when 4:30 comes, he hates to get out of it!

George DeShazo has crossed the Atlantic ocean twice, but now he's afraid to get in a small boat here on Smith River.

By James King

POWER

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Rothwell on the arrival of a new daughter! Eddie seems to have solved, or at least postponed, the cigar problem by being on vacation.

We are glad to report that Charlie Murray is now back on the job after his recent illness.

Bob Auton and Johnny Chaffin are still searching for a closet in their prefabricated homes!

Jim Bell is doing a good job in planning the Power Area Golf Tournament and hopes to have a big turn out. See Jim for particulars.

Harvey Compton, Power House Maintenance Group, is the latest ex-service man to return to the Power Area. We're glad to have you back, Harvey.

We wonder if the recent addition to Larry Hammock's family had anything to do with Larry attending a few child psychology lectures.

By Guy Williams

POWER SERVICE

The Power Group offers its deepest sympathy to Joe Dove on the recent loss of his father.

Ellis Dodson has recovered from his recent tonsil operation and is now trying to satisfy his appetite for peanuts.

McCullough's book, "Deluxe Small Homes," is nearly worn out, and "Mac" hasn't had a chance to look at it himself, yet.

Now that materials, methods, and men are available, Frank Ryan is planning a bigger garden this year. He's looking for another small flower pot.

Once a sailor, always a sailor! John O'Neal was heard saying, "Secure the deck." He didn't say, however, "Liberty party fall out."

By Harold Justice

TEXTILE

"A" SHIFT

We extend a hearty welcome to Beulah Ramsey and Virginia Harvell from "D" Shift, Hava Cook and Gertrude Jones as new girls, and Ethelene Gardner as forelady.

We are sorry Lorene Fleming is out for an appendectomy and we hope she will soon be back with us.

We really miss Ola McDonald, transferred to Days, and Jo Lene Miles, who is in training for a forelady. Good luck on your new jobs!

Wedding bells are ringing this month. It's or Mildred Gardner, Ruth Merriman, and Anna Hatcher this time. Congratulations, girls!

By Reva Altice

"B" SHIFT

Lorene Voss' husband is home at last.

We welcome Claudine Martin and Ona Gover as new foreladies.

Ruth Campbell and Lora Jones have new rings, third finger, left hand. Congratulations, girls!

Quincy Wagoner's brother was home recently on furlough.

New girls on our shift are Josephine Comer, Margaret Morgan, Elaine Boyd and Laura Slaydon. Welcome, girls.

Annie Moore just can't wait for those long week-ends so she can go home. Could it be that sailor!

Lora Jones is on the sick list. We wish her a speedy recovery.

We are glad to have Sula Hylton back at work after a spell of sickness.

By Evelyn Bocock

"C" SHIFT

We welcome to "C" Shift, Vivian Clark, Mae Smith, Mildred Hill and Lena Roach.

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Alfred E. Connelly - 15 Years' Service

Al's infancy and adolescence were no different from that of the ordinary child. He was born October 18, 1912, at Dinwiddie, Va., went to grammar school in Petersburg, Va., and high school at John Marshall in Richmond.

In the afternoons, after school, he worked as a clerk in a grocery store and for a year before coming with the company, he was a wallpaper hanger.

Back in September, 1929, Al started with Du Pont at Spruance Rayon as an operator in throwing (that means yarn and not china). He was soon promoted and became foreman of throwing, coning and spooling. From Richmond, Al went to Seaford in training for the Martinsville Plant. He was in Seaford from May 1, 1941, until September 1. When he came on

this plant, he had the title of drawtwist foreman in Textile but was loaned out to Service for about six or seven months.



From November 16, 1943, until February 18, 1946, Al pulled time in Uncle Sam's Army but he is back now as foreman in Textile, training operators on drawtwist.

While working in Richmond, Al met Maxine Houchins, from Charlottesville, who was visiting her cousin there in Richmond, and after a whirlwind courtship, they were married, December 21, 1935.

A few of Al's hobbies are golf, bowling, softball, mint juleps and wiping dishes.

While mint juleps are to be preferred, he is quite often caught doing the dishes. Fifteen years is a pretty good record—Congratulations, Al!

Marlyn C. Davis - 10 Years' Service

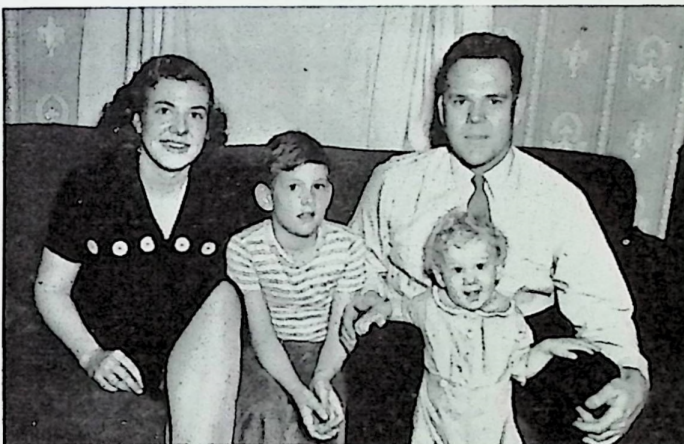
Thirty-five years ago on a cold, frosty morning a son was born to Maude and Leslie Davis who later became known to both friend and foe as Marlyn C. Davis. At an early age, he formed the usual bad habits of sucking his thumb, pulling pigtaails, skipping school to go fishing, but finally outgrew them when he finished high school at Chase City. His next step along the path of scholastical learning was at V. P. I. Two years he went to the extension in Richmond but the last two were spent at Blacksburg where he received his B. S. degree in Mechanical Engineering.

"Nursie, Nurse, come hold my hand," could have been the beginning of a nice romance but Ruby Rosser wasn't that kind of nurse. She was a technician and medical stenographer for an X-Ray specialist in Richmond. Marlyn met her in January and they were married in July. The Davises have two sons, Stanley Wayne, age six, Neville Gray, age one year.

April 10, 1936, marks the initial beginning of

Marlyn Davis' career with the Du Pont Company.

At the Spruance Rayon Plant he started his training as a condenser operator in the Power House. However, this was delayed for three months while he acted as foreman of Coal Handling.



Back to the job of condenser operator for a year, then he became Schedule and Planning Engineer for the Power-Maintenance Group. March 1, 1940, he was transferred to the Instruments and Mechanics Group for seven months. Marlyn's next job was with Power Standards and he remained on this from October, 1940, until February, 1941. Training for the new nylon plant that was being built in Martinsville started for Marlyn in April, 1941. Some of it was received at Richmond before being transferred to Seaford. Marlyn came to the Martinsville Plant

September, 1941, as Power Shift Supervisor and still holds that position.

Congratulations from THE BLENDER, Marlyn, on your ten years' service with the Company!

Ike is Coming Back

For the past several months, Safety Ike has been off to the wars, first in Europe, then to the Pacific. While in Europe, Ike hobnobbed with all the "brass" from General Ike on down. He was the first American doughboy to enter Berlin; he was the first soldier to be redeployed from the European Theatre to the Pacific, and the most important "firsts" on his stupendous, colossal list of accomplishments is the fact that he was in the plane that dropped the first atom bomb on the Japs.

Now word has been received that Safety Ike is about to be discharged from the Army and will arrive on the plant April 22d. Of course, all this is one great big, colossal fib, except the last part, where Ike is to arrive on the plant April 22d, and that's no joke. We hear by our pet "scoop bird" that big things are planned for that day, so be on your toes and don't miss the gala occasion of Safety Ike's return to the plant.





George Branham Wins Again

It is getting to be a common occurrence for George Branham to receive word in his daily mail that he has again won a prize in some contest. The latest prize was for a winning limerick in the contest which is conducted by the *Industrial Supervisor Magazine* and sponsored by the National Safety Council. So far, George's hobby has netted \$613.00 in cash and 14 merchandise prizes, from theater tickets to a Bendix Washer in the recent Dr. Lyon's Tooth Powder Contest. By subscribing to a contest magazine, George keeps in touch with contests that are open. While he enters these contests as a hobby, he has found the practice profitable. In discussing his success, he says that he has been "just lucky." Our congratulations to George.

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We thought Una Soyars had an injury on her left hand, third finger, the way she was holding it. But now we know—it's a beautiful diamond!

To relieve the housing shortage, Gladys Morrison and her ex-G. I. husband are building themselves a new house. When do we have housewarming?

We are glad to have Mary Hall back with us after being absent several months.

Congratulations to Paul and Christine Thomasson on the arrival of a son, Paul, Jr. We hope to have the proud mother back with us in the near future.

We wonder if Posey Jones' boy friend inherited his new car from a long line of ancestors!

If you wonder why Eva Nolen walks around with her head in the clouds, it's because her GI husband is expected home soon.

Congratulations to Cassie Robertson for an excellent quality performance during her three years on machines. Cassie has not received a bad backwind pirn since she has been operating a machine.

By Irene Hylton

"D" SHIFT

You have heard the old saying, "You can't get blood out of a turnip"—well, it's almost that hard to get news out of Textile girls.

"D" Shift regrets losing Myra Johnson to "C" Shift. And don't forget to show them that beautiful diamond.

Flash! Flash! Jo Eubanks is sporting a diamond that looks like the spotlight on a freight train!

The shift welcomes the following new girls to our group: Barbara Lewis, Maggie Forbes, Macy Nolen, Agnes Thomas, Sallie Harrison, Alice LaPrade, Frances Pinkard, Elizabeth Isley, Louise Martin, and Jo Eubanks, our new forelady. Hope you like us, girls!

By Evelyn Norman

DAY MISCELLANEOUS

We welcome Reva White, Lillian Jones, Sara Hopkins, Noama Martin, Clarice Coates, Edith Painter, with us on Days.

We wish Maude Fulcher luck on her new job. She has gone to "D" Shift.

Alma Webster is very much in love these days! But don't you think it is a long way to Florida, Alma?

We are all wondering who the good-looking fellow is that Lucille Rodgers is going with! Why not let us in on the secret, Lucille?

Edith Brown is all smiles these days—her husband is in the States and will be home soon.

Lottie Dodson walks around in a dream all the time. Could it be over that dream man of hers? ? ?

By Codeil Wade

DAY CREW

We welcome the following girls to Day Crew: Thelma Marshall, Bernice Craddock, Gladys Young, Evelyn Gauldin and Clara Spencer

Bessie Tiller now wears a lovely diamond! How far away are the wedding bells, Bessie?

Sudie Doggett is one happy girl since her husband is home for keeps!

Hazel Powell is getting along fine with the driving lessons.

In saying our good-byes to Madolyn Coleman, who has been transferred to P. T. Lab, we turn to welcome Ola McDonald to Day Crew.

By Sarah Hazelwood

DAY RELIEF

THINGS OBSERVED ON DAY RELIEF:

Eunice McCubbins, Elsie Murphy, and Pauline Yates forgetting to get their checks on pay day.

Evelyn Robertson delivering messages a day too late!

Jewell and Sallie Jones coming to watch their first basket ball game after the season was over.

Irene Bowling wondering if a '46 Ford will ride any better than a Model "A."

Judy Wilson leading a quiet life!

By Pauline Yates

PROJECT ENGINEERING

Roy Bullington and Bill Carter inform us that the fishing is fine, down at the river, but the water a bit too muddy for bathing.

We wonder what Paul Schuh was so interested in that he backed into an innocent lady driver!

Anybody having any old burlap bags for sale, please contact C. C. Fraser. These are urgently needed for covering his prematurely budding roses.

Johnny Groot says he was chasing horses on a Saturday morning at 3:00 a. m. We've heard of the "jitters" but not "galloping jitters."

Jack Hellaby is now becoming a specialist on drawtwister explanation.

By Lucille Hodges

METHODS AND STANDARDS

The professional golfers in our section are Jim Thomas and Dick Heller, but they are going to have to pay their caddie (Dickie) more to keep him from throwing their balls back.

Comes Spring, comes the fishing bug! It has already bitten Kemp and is on Sandy's trail. Most any day now, you may expect to see them on the river bank with their poles!

We enjoyed a nice long letter from Al Jenkin. Best wishes to him on his new job.

Charlie Russell and Joe Stilwell are still looking for a place to live!

Ruth Gunter thought Easter had come a little early this year when the florist showed up twice in one day. Ruth says it can become embarrassing when you wear the wrong flowers with the right guy! !

By Sara Hardesty

PRODUCTION CONTROL

Flash! There is such a live wire in our midst that she is complaining of the electricity she is finding in packing tickets. Three guesses, but the first two don't count. She is none other than Ann Prillaman. Watt Clingenpeel came through with a good suggestion "that we ground her."

What do you think, co-workers?

We hear that "Bunker" Hill and his bride are really enjoying nice T-bone steaks these days. What a luxury!

Welcome to Leonard Woodall, who, before leaving for Service, worked in the Time Office.

We regret to lose Juanita Ramsey to Order & Invoice, but do hope you will be happy in your new surroundings.

By Marge Cooke

SHIPPING AND INSPECTION

We welcome the following girls to our area: Mae Hedrick, Vernie Nolen and Mae Deatherage.

Frances Mills is wearing a big diamond! When are the bells going to ring, Frances?

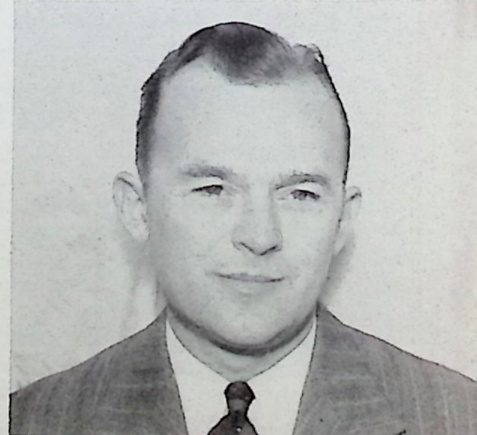
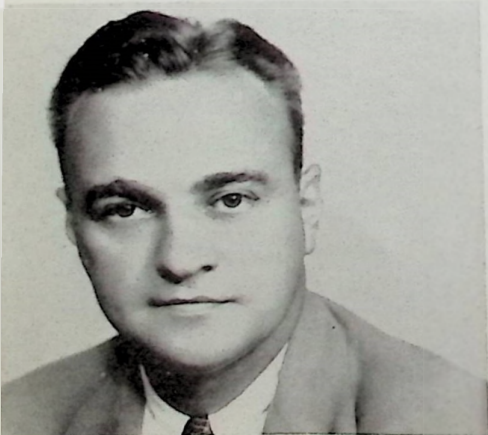
Did you notice Eloise Harris and Beulah McDonald trying to get in the telephone booth at the same time? Must have been an important call, girls!

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C. E. Mears To Seaford

We were very reluctant to say "So long" to Charlie Mears, left, former Manufacturing Superintendent, who is now Manufacturing Superintendent at the Seaford Nylon Plant. Charlie joined the Martinsville staff June 1, 1942, and since that time, has continued to do an outstanding job and make a host of friends. His friendly smile and enthusiasm will be missed here at Martinsville.

His successor, W. F. McGowan, right, moved from Area Supervisor, P. & S., to Special Assistant to the Plant Manager in March, 1945. He will formally take over his duties in Room 204, April 10. Congratulations and best wishes to "Mac" on his new appointment.



Last

BOWLERETTES—GIRLS' PLANT LEAGUE

The final outcome in this League was still in doubt up to the last game. The Alley Cats made a strong bid for the second-half title but lacked the final punch. In the play-off for the season champs, the Bowlerettes, second-half winners were out-classed by the Yanks, winners of the first half, who went on to win the season honors.

In the photo at right, we show the Bowlerettes, second-half winners. **LEFT TO RIGHT, FIRST ROW:** Grace Exley, 85 average; Annie Robertson, 73; Mamie Cundiff, captain, 93; Marie Powell, 74; Pat Hensley, 82. **SECOND ROW:** Gloria Vaughn, 74; Louise Robertson, 80; Ruth Terrell, 80. **Not shown,** Margaret Mills, Ruth Stultz, Arabel West, Gertrude Eanes, Claudine Martin, Eloise Harris, Charlotte Martin, Ann Cummings, Doris Walker.



Half

"B" SHIFT—GIRLS' SHIFT LEAGUE

It was easy to determine the season winners in this League since "B" Shift, Textile, won both halves of season play. "A" Shift was runner-up with 10 games won against five lost, compared to "B's" 12 games won and three lost. High Individual Game of 121 pins goes to Reva Altice on "A" Shift. High Set of 308 pins goes to Marie Wingfield. **At left, "B" Shift bowling team:** **LEFT TO RIGHT, FIRST ROW:** Mary E. Wyatt, 78 average; Mary Martin, 91; Eva Rorrer, captain, 87; Doris Doss, 78, and Georgia Jefferson, 80. **SECOND ROW:** Madie Wingfield, 85; Margaret Bullington, 83; Ilene Harmon, 84; Evelyn Becock, 87; Elva Stultz, 83, and Marie Wingfield, 93. **Not shown,** Orene Lawson and Lessie Gregory.



Bowling

"C" SHIFT—MEN'S SHIFT LEAGUE

The second half of this League ended with "C" Shift, P. & S. way out in front of "B" Shift, the runners-up. Jo Jo Reynolds carried off the season's honors for Individual High Game and High Set with 154 pins (all season, all leagues high) and 358 pins, respectively. In the play-off for the season, "D" Shift, first-half winners, provided hard competition but were finally nosed out by "C," three games to two.

At right, "C" Shift, second-half winners: **LEFT TO RIGHT, FIRST ROW:** Marvin Rankin, 98; Joe Briggs, 89; Jo Jo Reynolds, 105; P. Brown, 97; Bob Munchmeyer, 97. **SECOND ROW:** Boyce Dillard, 102; J. E. Hill, 94; Howard Wilson, 100; James Vaden, 89. **BACK ROW:** Jim Murphy, 89; Dennis Walker, 104. **Not shown,** Robert Hutchens, John Hubbard.



Winners

MAINT. SUPVR.—MEN'S PLANT LEAGUE

In one of the closest finishes in the history of bowling here at Martinsville, the Maintenance Supervisors team beat out Manufacturing and Maintenance by one game to win the second half. In the play-off, they won three of the four games with Maintenance, first-half winners, to cop the season's honors. In the final accounting, there was only a two-game difference between the first and fourth team in this league. Individual High Set of 378 pins goes to Boyce Dillard of All Others. **At right, Maintenance Supervisors,** **LEFT TO RIGHT, FIRST ROW:** Lewis Sutton, 85 average; Allen Kalbaugh, 97; Bob Farris, 90; Jim Torrey, 81; Jim Potter, 77. **SECOND ROW:** Bill Thompson, 97; "Luke" Slovic, 91; Jack Hoggard, 81; Charlie Steele, 81. **THIRD ROW:** Arlie Faunce, 103; Norm Craigie, 94; Selmar Ford, 95. **Not shown,** Frank Briner, Elmo Dawson and John Lockridge.





Safety Suggestions Adopted

March, 1946

POLYMER AND SPINNING INSPECTION AND SHIPPING
Kenneth A. Stanhagen
MAINTENANCE H. L. Prillaman
Henry W. Barbour

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Gloris Vaughn's favorite dish is celery (period).

If you don't think mistaken identity can get you in dutch, ask Bea Clark!

Ask Margaret Mills and Arabell West if March 24 was a good day for swimming at Fairy Stone Park.

The men in Shipping looked like a bunch of politicians smoking cigars, thanks to Jim Roden's addition to his family! The girls enjoyed the candy, too.

Deacon's operation didn't slow him up a lot—he's still the same.

Welcome back, Curtis Fain. It's nice to see you around in the area.

By Louise Robertson

PROCESS CONTROL

Come Spring and we proudly present two brides. Beatrice Martin became Mrs. Harold Robertson and Mary Marion changed her name to Mrs. Albert Beer and her job to housekeeping. Best wishes, girls!

Mary Piller has great plans for that new home. Sounds "out of this world," but first, get her to tell you about "the shack."

We welcome Bernard Patterson and Rembert McNeer back to the test tubes and beakers. It's been a long time, boys, since you broke any.

Our sympathy goes to Mary Lib Floyd in the loss of her brother.

We regret the loss of Louise Morris, who resigned to devote full time to the duties of a house wife.

Welcome to Madolyn Coleman, Myrtle McCormick, Becky Gunn, Eva Rorrer and Hilda Davis, new members of P. T. L.

The Standard Practice Group welcomes Pearl White Martin and Marie Burpeau from the Spinning office.

Ruth Brooks Minter is having a wonderful vacation at home spring cleaning.

By Madelene Reynolds Ina Woodall
Myrtle Rutledge

PROCESS DEVELOPMENT

We're glad Bill Woodruff has returned to work minus the patched eye and dark glasses. Bill has been out several weeks with an eye infection.

Earl Olson, Ray Lowe and Jon Carriel attended the Golf Tournament. Jon flew down Sunday morning but due to an overcast, had to hitch-hike home. With his flight in his plane, rides in six different cars and on two buses, Jon made the round trip to the tournament.

By Margaret Russell

CHOW CHATTER

A speedy recovery is wished for Leola Barnes, who is on the sick list.

Riddle, riddle! Why did Jackie Bryant call the expensive, imported, French perfume an "unfamiliar odor?"

Janie Boaz is really smiles these days because she became Mrs. Maynard Mason on February 22. Our congratulations to you both!

If you are in the "dog house," just see Bula Covington or Branton Martin. "Any Bones today?"

Audria Doss believes in that "pot of gold at the foot of the rainbow." She is wishing for a 30-day leave plus a two weeks' vacation when husband Joe arrives in the States in April.

Where, oh where have Mildred Turner's dates gone? She's been acting as relief worker on "A" Shift lately!

Our sincere sympathy is extended Peg White upon the recent loss of her father.

Sallie Clark is happy to be on Day Relief now that her boy friend is home from service.

Johnsie Fontaine's vacation plans for that trip to Florida ended as a vacation in New Jersey! What happened, Johnsie?

By Ruth Yearout

MEDICAL

Marie has some mighty interesting tales to tell about her trips recently. In New York at the "Glass Hat," the gentleman singer dedicated and sang "Song of Songs" to her—and right at her table!! In California, she sat one box removed from Bing at the races. The next time you need a headache pill, ask her to tell you more.

No tellin' how "A" Shift is going to get their pills dished out since Grethel has been taking rumba lessons.

Dr. Dickerson says that Spring Fever can be avoided, but I, for one, rather enjoy the disease.

By Marge Jacobs

SAFETY AND PURCHASING

Have you noticed how pert Elizabeth Smith is looking these days with that short new hair do!

Ruth Nelson and husband have just become the proud owners of a lot out in Chatham Heights.

Congratulations to Ed Minnick who has just received his three-year safety certificate.

Your former Safety Reporter, Katherine Montgomery, is now the wife of Major Joe Hensley and may see the other side of the world traveling with her husband.

The Safety Office welcomes Irvin Holland, who has just returned from Military Service.

By Imogene Davis Irvine Holland

STORES

An old proverb has it that "In the Spring a Young Man's Fancy Lightly Turns to Thoughts of Love." Well, ye ole reporter has conducted a survey to see if this holds true in Stores and here are some replies:

Bill Geoghegan, "I'd rather have a pork chop."

Howard Turner, "The gypsy is strongest in him when the days grow warmer and if he had his way, he'd roam."

Lewis Hanes, "His ears grow eager for sounds such as—'Strike Three'—'Safe'—'Ball One'—'Pecanuts' and 'Foul'."

Dorsey Currin—

"Little fishes in a brook

Dorsey catch 'em with a hook

Janie fry 'em in a pan

And Jackie eat 'em like a man."

"Buck" Lambeth, "In spite of his lust for fishing, his wife insists gardening is a more practical thought for spring."

Emly Rea says that with the coming of spring, she feels the "Call of the Open Road."

Ovid Jordan, when asked what he thought about spring, said "I ain't talkin'."

P. S. We proudly hail the return of another of our veterans, "Pete" Hensley, and are happy to report that though the place is filled with "ex-Navy" men, Pete is still holding up the prestige of the Air Corps.

By Ernestine Stultz

PROTECTION

"C" Shift guards were sorry to lose C. M. Harris to Maintenance.

Spencer Reynolds is considering buying a pool table to practice on.

Jim Piller is looking for a hammer that will drive the nails straight.

R. C. Law is still waiting for that pretty day to wax that car.

Jack Franklin is thinking fondly of the fishing season.

By J. H. McDonald H. A. Belcher

JANITORS

Nat Burgess and Walter Willis have gone in for goats, but since Clarence Self has been boasting about his chickens laying double eggs, Nat is wondering if it wouldn't be better to be in the chicken business!

Looks like Lazarus Fuller is going into welding business, but his wife says he better buy some fuses before he goes too far.

Henry Pritchett seems to enjoy pushing a georgia buggy—he makes two short trips and fags out.

McIver has stopped his whistling and we are wondering why!

Dana King was seen enjoying the early morning breezes by going to the garage to fix his car before coming to work!

Wonder when Wylie Draper will get some fluid for his lighter? His cigars are keeping "A" Shift janitors out of matches.

By Clarence Self Henry Pritchett
Wylie Draper

ACCOUNTING

The girls were mighty jealous of those pretty violets that popular Grit Fry sent a certain girl. By the way, he's got a new car now . . .

This month it is "Know Your Stenogs"

mm—sweet, nice and always gives good advice.

rws—delightful and neat and quite discreet. mef—charming personality and full of originality.

mhh—matter o' fact but sharp as a tack.

gg—perfection personified and extremely dignified.

jjg—pleasant and gay every hour of the day.

mf—does everything well and we think she's swell.

fep—types all day with not much to say.

mhb—is a dandy and with typewriter or stove is very handy.

gc—this one you'll need no guess, for as "big chief" of us all—she's quite a success.

bar—small, small—that's all.

By Ruth Stultz

Employee Suggestions Adopted

March, 1946

POLYMER AND INSPECTION AND SPINNING SHIPPING

George E. Hubbard John B. Powell

Jack L. Stultz SERVICE

German L. Shields (2) W. C. Lovell

Thomas W. Stanley

J. Carl Pratt PROCESS CONTROL

MAINTENANCE Ruth B. Minter

John L. Vaughn POWER

J. R. Plaster

George S. Evans E. J. Lucas

E. E. Griffith

SCATTER SHOTS



1—Having finished one bag of waste inspection, Galilee Black is searching for another. Gladys Robertson continues her inspection. 2—Not even a butcher's pound is added by Beulah McDonald. 3—Irma Joyce rolls fifteen pair of nylons in one package. 4—Red paint on the fire hose house with a bit splattered on Andy Anderson. 5—Spring fever has Alex Haynes and Charlie Martin shoved against the wall. 6—Hopper-charge time has Howard Montrieff starting down the lines. 7—Mary Satterfield doesn't seem the least surprised. She probably posed for this shot. 8—Operations of the second floor of P. & S. are being recorded by Randolph "Goat" Bradley. 9—Wray Smith waits with no expression for the shutter to snap! 10—The "chow line" is kept moving by Chef Frances Wells and Annie Hairfield.



April Showers

A little girl looks out of the window at the April rain. The weather is getting warm spring is in the air, and she wants so much to be out-of-doors playing in her sand pile. Little does she realize that the same April showers which keep her indoors, make possible the beautiful May flowers, which she may wear in her hair, and which make the world around so bright and cheerful in the springtime.

All through life, the rainy, dreary weather only causes us to realize and appreciate the wonderfulness of warm sunshine.

The BLENDER



Fourth Board of Directors' Safety Award

As of midnight, March 13, 1946, the plant won the Fourth Board of Directors' Safety Award, which represents 1,384 days, or approximately 8,468,000 exposure hours of working on the plant without a lost time injury. Congratulations are due each employee for this excellent performance, since only the combined effort of all employees made this achievement possible. Prior to winning this award, the plant has won the General Managers', the President's, and three Board of Directors' Awards.

Since there are new employees on the plant, who may not be familiar with the company's Safety Award Plan, it is felt advisable to review this plan at this time. Realizing the value of safety and wishing to stimulate employee interest and effort to the point where each of us will always do the job safely, the Du Pont Company in 1927 put into effect the Safety Award Plan. This plan makes available three awards known as the General Managers' Award, the President's Award and the Board of Directors' Award.

These awards are made to plants operating specified lengths of time without having experienced a tabulatable major injury. A tabulatable major injury is commonly referred to as a plant injury resulting in absence from the plant. The length of time required for any plant to become eligible for an award is determined by the number of exposure hours per month resulting from the number of employees on roll. When the number of exposure hours per month is determined, it is then necessary for that plant to operate a number of calendar days without a tabulatable major injury. Plants whose exposure hours fluctuates sufficiently to change from one classification to another are credited with the proper proportion of the performance in each class.

Since the award is given in recognition of the plant's general safety performance, and this performance is the result of each employee's individual effort, each employee who is on the plant roll as of the last day that completes the necessary time will receive a personal award.

It is realized that we have a safe plant as far as process and equipment is concerned and that our safety performance in the past has been due to individual efforts toward elimination of unsafe practices. It is felt that many more milestones of safe performance will be reached if we continue to exert effort in this direction.

Mother's Day—May Twelfth

The observance of Mother's Day dates from May, 1907. It began under the inspiration of Miss Anna M. Jarvis, of Philadelphia, who thought that at least once a year sons and daughters should pay a tribute to their mothers. She arranged for a special mother's service in one of the churches and asked that white carnations be worn by those attending the service. The plan appealed to the imagination of others and services were held in more churches the next year, and the second Sunday in May was agreed upon as the suitable date. By 1911 the observance had spread so widely that there was not a state in the United States in which special exercises were held. The day was also observed that year in Canada, Mexico, South America, Africa and China.

In May, 1913, the House of Representatives by unanimous vote adopted a resolution calling upon the President, his Cabinet, the Senators and Representatives and all officials of the Federal Government to wear a white carnation signifying sweetness, purity, and endurance, on

the second Sunday of the month in observance of the day. Congress itself, in 1914, designated the day as Mother's Day and requested the President to issue a proclamation calling upon Government officials to display the National Flag on all public buildings. President Wilson, on May 9, issued such a proclamation asking the people also to display the flag on their homes as a public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of the country. Similar proclamations are issued each year by his successors.

Millions of words have been written about Mother's Day, other millions have been spoken from pulpits, platforms; but the sum total of the feeling, respect, pride, and love we have for Mother cannot be expressed in words. Our actions through the years, the little remembrances from time to time; these are the things by which we express our love of Mother. Our love of the mother "who ran to help me when I fell, and would some pretty story tell, or kiss the place to make it well."

In Memoriam

"These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country, but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like Hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheaply, we esteem too lightly; it is clearness only that gives everything its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as freedom should not be highly rated."

THOMAS PAINE

Memorial Day is a day set aside each year that we may pay our respects to those who have fought and died for their country. It is a day for strewing spring flowers on their graves. It is a day for solemn serious thought on the reason, the why, these men died. Did they die in vain, did they give their lives to a failure? So far, the answer must be "aye." Each year the number of soldiers' graves is increased by those who die from wounds received in battle. Nations still try to settle their differences on the battlefield. Yet when the battle is over, no one really wins. This is the thought that should be on our minds this Memorial Day when we pay our respects to those who died. Why is war necessary?

On this page, we salute those employees who gave their lives in World War II, in the belief it was necessary for permanent peace. Let them not be deceived.

World War II



RYLAND D. COMPTON, S 1/c

Ryland D. Compton, seaman first class, was employed by the Du Pont Company in December, 1940, as a guard on "A" Shift. He was called to service in the Navy as a member of the Armed Guard in April, 1942. His death came with the sinking of the merchant ship, U. S. S. *Barton*, in the Pacific on November 13, 1942.



JOSEPH H. VIPPERMAN, S 1/c

Joseph H. Viperman, seaman first class, was employed in March, 1942, as Solution Operator in the Process Control Lab. In May, 1944, he was called to service in the Navy and assigned to the destroyer U. S. S. *Warrenton*, which was doing patrol duty in the Atlantic. During the hurricane of September, 1944, Joe Viperman went down with his ship off the coast of New Jersey.



JAMES T. MITCHELL, S 1/c

James T. Mitchell, seaman first class, came with Du Pont in March, 1942, as an operator in the Polymer and Spinning Area. In May, 1944, Jim was drafted into the Navy and after boot training was assigned to the Carrier *Wasp* for duty in the Pacific. His death came as the result of an enemy air attack on his ship March 19, 1945.



PFC. JACK A. BROWN

Private First Class Jack A. Brown was employed in August, 1941, before the Martinsville Plant actually started operations as a draw-twist patrol doffer. Six months later, he enlisted in the U. S. Army to do his bit in halting Nazi and Jap aggression. He fought in the battles for the Philippines, Guam, Leyte. In the taking of Iwo Jima, Jack received bullet wounds which resulted in his death one day later, April 20, 1945.



PVT. MILTON E. HARRIS

Private Milton E. Harris was employed by the Construction Group in February, 1941, and when operations started, he was transferred to Polymer and Spinning as Pack Changer on "C" Shift. In April, 1942, he entered the U. S. Army. At the time of his death, May 23, 1945, Milton was attached to the A. T. C. at Ft. Totten, Long Island.



SGT. LYLURN ANGLIN

Sergeant Lylburn Anglin was employed as a laborer in November, 1941. He entered the U. S. Army in July, 1942, and was assigned to Co. "C," 383d Port Battalion for service in the Aleutian Islands. His death came June 30, 1945, at Fort Sam Houston, Tex., one half hour before he was scheduled for discharge.

Neoprene Gloves . . .

Plans for household gloves of neoprene indicate improvements that will make their comeback universally welcomed, not only for their superior lasting quality, but for better style-and-comfort features.

New styles in this synthetic rubber overcome objections to prewar household gloves. They will be made with roughened fingers, giving a non-slip finish that assures a firm grasp on soapy dishes and other slippery objects. And they will be easy to pull on and off, some offering a satinized inner surface, others a fabric lining.



It is expected that rubber household gloves will be far more popular than before the war because women in industry have been taught the need of protecting their hands and have formed the habit of working with gloves. Many women who previously considered them too clumsy for housework have now learned that, once accustomed to gloves, the feeling of clumsiness soon disappears. Thousands of ex-war worker housewives will know the advantages of neoprene gloves and will want them for home use.

The new designs tend to eliminate features that formerly impeded dexterity. Shorter fingers, gauged to give a better fit to varying types of hands, will do away with flopping finger-ends. For more comfort and agility, fingers are curved to ease the holding position and shaped to avoid binding at the knuckles. Roomy palms allow free circulation at a place where skin tight fit is undesirable. Styles lined with fabric cushion the hands for rough work, such as gardening, and have the further advantage of absorbing perspiration. These types will be made in gauntlet and knit-wrist lengths.

Attention is being given to the housewife's fondness for color in home conveniences, with a range of bright, durable shades expected.

For women who have found gloves of natural rubber too costly for their length of service, neoprene types will bring a new adventure in economy. The cost of using neoprene gloves is low because they will not quickly deteriorate from contact with strong soaps, greasy water, furniture polish, floor wax and dry-cleaning fluids—all of which contribute to the short life of rubber gloves.

In a comparative test, glove-fingers of both materials were immersed in turpentine and furniture polish for half an hour and then subjected to an abrasion test by rubbing over a wire brush. After this severe treatment, the neoprene fingers were still in excellent condition, while those of natural rubber showed noticeable deterioration and swelling.

Neoprene's superiority in wear, together with design improvements, makes the new gloves thoroughly practical for house-work, giving long-term service in protecting the hands without impairing their efficiency.

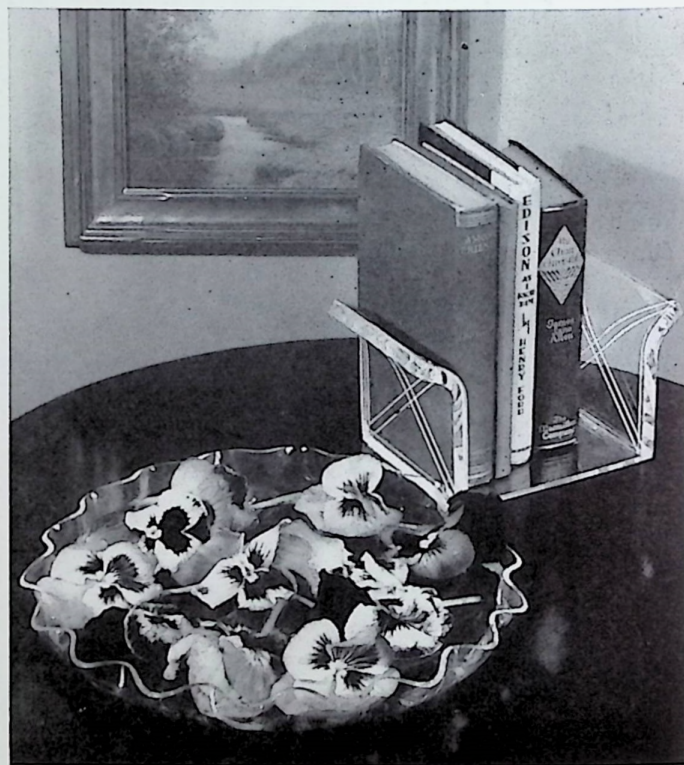
BCM—Lucite . . .

Structural panels made from a new resin, reinforced with glass fabric or other materials, are undergoing tests for automobiles, airplanes, refrigerators and washing machines.

The new resin—known only as BCM—was announced recently by E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company. This resin has excellent bonding properties and high resistance to heat.

"Plastics fabricators," the Du Pont Plastics Department said, "are testing the material to determine its suitability in the manufacture of such diverse products as transparent coatings for wood veneers, tooling jigs, structural panels for automobiles, airplanes, refrigerators and washing machines, entire sections of sinks, and decorative panels." It was emphasized that production is still in the semi-works stage.

The liquid resin is used chiefly with glass fabric laminates at present, although it may also be applied to paper, hemp, wood, and various cloths. It requires only a short curing period and low laminating pressure, and can be used as an impregnating and laminating resin either by itself or mixed with a polymer. In the cured state, BCM has no odor and is resistant to most organic materials. Absorption of water, and other common solvents such as acetone and ethanol, is very low, from 1 to 2 per cent.



The new resin is thermosetting, which means that once formed under heat it retains its shape when reheated. When cast as a transparent sheet on table tops, it has a permanent high-gloss finish. In addition, thin veneers to which BCM has been applied can be bent without crazing or peeling the resin.

Du Pont said, "Experiments showed a wide range of colors could be obtained by adding oil-soluble dyes or pigments to the resin." Cast BCM may be worked with high-speed tools easily by the same methods as used for methacrylates like the familiar, crystal-clear "Lucite" acrylic resin.

Experimental size sheets of glass-fabric-reinforced BCM and a collection of proposed commercial products fabricated from the plastic will be shown publicly for the first time at the Du Pont exhibit in the National Plastics Exposition to be held at Grand Central Palace, New York, April 22-27.

BETTER THINGS FOR BETTER
LIVING . . . THROUGH CHEMISTRY

Receive Discharge

EX-CPL. HARRY DANDRIDGE

Harry, a glider trooper, assigned to the 11th Airborne Division, left the States in May, 1944, for Milne Bay. They landed there June 1, and left the next day for Oro Bay where they built up the camp and practiced maneuvers.

After a month's rest in the hills of Leyte, Harry was in on the initial invasion of Luzon and remained there for eight months. From here they moved on to Okinawa to wait to go to Japan.

September 6, 1945, Harry left Atsukie air base for Akita, Japan, which is approximately 500 miles north of Tokyo. He was stationed here until Christmas Eve when he left to come back to the States for his discharge.

EX-STAFF SGT. HUGH DANDRIDGE

From making the nylon yarn to packing it in parachutes was part of Hugh's army career. He left this plant in September, 1942, and after basic training at Sacramento, he went to Murdock, Cal., where he was assigned to a Service Group, packing parachutes and servicing P-38's.

At Biggs Field, El Paso, Tex., he packed chutes for a B-24 squadron.

From Nebraska, Hugh left with a B-29 Unit for Guam. He was stationed here for a year with the 20th Air Force and was in charge of inspecting and repairing life rafts and "Mae Wests."

Hugh came back to the States on December 29 and received his discharge from Ft. Meade on January 8, 1946.

EX-T 4 LEONARD WOODALL

Most of Leonard's time in the States was spent at Marion, Ohio, at an Engineers' Supply Depot, receiving technical training in handling supplies.

From Fort Slocum, New York, they left for Barry, South Wales, where they operated an Engineers' Supply Depot for five months. They moved from here to South Hampton, England, and crossed the Channel on July 18, 1944, to Utah Beach.

The 710th Engineers, the group to which Leonard was attached, operated on Utah Beach until January 5, 1945, and then moved inland to Brussels, Belgium, where they operated a depot until the war ended.

When the Japanese war ended, Leonard transferred to an Army dance band and played in a Service Club in Brussels until he was redeployed through Le Havre to the U. S. for discharge.

EX-SGT. POSEY DALTON

Assigned to a tank battalion at Camp Chaffee, Ark., Posey was there for seventeen weeks of basic training and six months' advance. Before reporting to Camp Campbell, Ky., they had two months of maneuvers in Tennessee, and at Campbell was assigned to the 14th Armored Division.

Their first action with the 7th Army was on December 3, 1944, although their heaviest fighting was in March, when the drive for the Rhine River was initiated.

After the war ended, Posey stayed at Malsdorf, Germany, with the occupational forces. He was here until February 13, 1946, and at this time left for the States.

EX-LIEUT. BERNARD L. PATTERSON

Four years ago, Bernard was inducted into service and had his basic training at Keesler Field, Miss. After a month he went to Colorado to an Armament School, a bomb sight maintenance school and then acted as an instructor for approximately four months. At the end of this time, he put in for O. C. S. and went to Fort Benning, Ga., for infantry training. A month at Camp Wheeler, Ga., three months at Pittsburg, Cal., replacement depot, and finally "Pat" left for the Pacific Theatre of Operations.

They first landed at New Caledonia on September 25, 1943, but moved on to Guadalcanal where they were assigned to the 145th Infantry Regiment.

The company that Pat was with was the first to get inside the "Walled City" within Manila and they were trying to recapture the Wawa Dam when the Pacific war ended.

ARMON DEAL, EX-E. M. 3/c

After induction on June 23, 1944, Armon went to electrical school in Chicago for eight weeks, to Gulfport, Miss., for advanced training for a month and was finally assigned to the Neblack (DD-424) for duty in the Pacific.

He left Norfolk May 8, 1945, and went on maneuvers at Pearl Harbor and was here when the war ended. Before being transferred to the U. S. S. *Plunkett* (DD-431) they made two trips to Japan with occupational forces.

Armon landed January 18, 1946, at Charleston, S. C., where the ship was put in the reserve fleet but Armon was sent on to Camp Shelton for discharge. He is now back on the Martinsville Plant working in P. & S.

AUBREY H. PATTERSON, EX-S 1/c

Aubrey's career in the Navy started and ended in the "Old Dominion" State. After induction, he went to Bainbridge for boot camp for ten weeks and then to Jacksonville, Fla., to Electrician Mate's School for twenty weeks.

At the end of his electrical training, he was sent to the Norfolk Naval Air Station. Here he did electrical repair work and overhaul work on seaplanes, mostly P. B. M.'s and P. B. Y.'s.

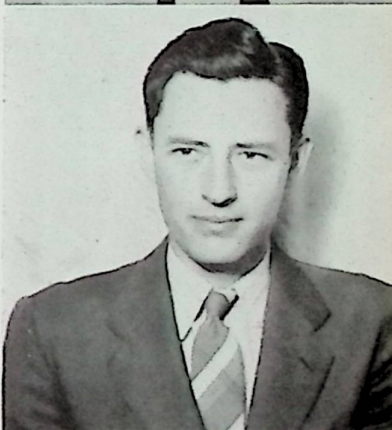
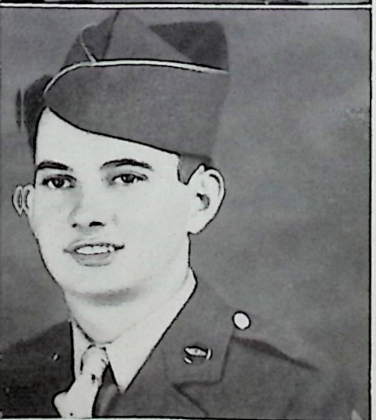
Aubrey is back in the Martinsville Plant and is working on "A" Shift.

RURAL R. GUSLER, EX-COXSWAIN

Rural's boot training was not the least bit unusual for eleven weeks, but he then had Seabee training for a couple months before being rushed out of the country.

He went first to Pearl Harbor and then on to Tinian by way of the Marshall Islands and Guam. On Tinian his outfit built air strips for B-17's and did guard duty. They were here for approximately 8 months and then left the middle of September, 1945, for Yokosuka, Japan.

At Yokosuka, Rural was in charge of a group of Japanese prisoners operating cranes and unloading supplies from the ships, for the occupational forces. He was here for three months and then came back to the States for his discharge, which was received from Camp Shelton, Va., on January 29, 1946.



Receive Discharge

ENSIGN R. L. GRAYES

"Doc" enlisted in the Navy in December, 1942, but was not called to active service until January 15, 1943. He reported to Endicott, R. I., for three months of boot training and was then sent to Camp Parks, Shoemaker, Cal., for advance training.

As an electrician's mate in the Seabees, Doc worked on the following islands: New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, Sterling and Emiran in the Bismark Archipelago. He returned to the States in October, 1944, and after three months of training was given his Ensign's Commission and assigned to the U. S. S. *Speed* (AM-116), a minesweeper.

Again "Doc" had duty in the Pacific. This time, he was out for approximately eleven months and when he returned to the States, was given his discharge from the Navy on February 19, 1946.

EX-LIEUT. (JG) A. T. BALDWIN

Al received his commission as an ensign in the Navy in October, 1943, taking indoctrination at Cornell. After some months of training in Amphibious Warfare at Camp Bradford and Norfolk, he picked up his L. S. T. 564 at Evansville, Ind., sailed down the Mississippi to New Orleans and on to Pearl Harbor and action in the Pacific. Al spent two years in the Pacific, during which time he participated in the invasion of Leyte, Luzon, and Okinawa, first as Navigator, then as Executive Officer. His L. S. T. helped transport occupation troops to Japan.

Al arrived back in the States December 29 and was separated January 27, 1946. He is now foreman, "B" Shift, P. & S.

EX-PFC. J. T. WIGGINTON, JR.

James Wigginton entered the Army August, 1944, and after a short training period left for England and later France. He was assigned to the 180th Inf. Reg. of the 7th Army as a replacement. Jim was wounded by shrapnel from an artillery shell while crossing the Danube. He suffered a broken leg, broken arm and other injuries. The next few months were spent in hospitals in France, England, and the United States. He received his medical discharge February 1.

Jim holds five decorations.

PHIL OSBORNE, EX-SP. A 2/c

Phil spent all his time in the Navy right here in the States, mostly in the East. After boot training at Camp Peary, he was assigned to a physical instructor school at Bainbridge and Great Lakes. For a short while after completion of school, he served as Company Commander of Recruit training at Great Lakes.

Phil was chosen to take a B-12 course at the University of Louisville. However, the cutback after victory sent him back to Great Lakes where he was discharged February, 1946.

EX-SGT. REMBERT McNEER

Rembert was inducted October 26, 1942, and received his basic training in the A. A. F. at Miami Beach, Fla. He attended a cryptographic school in Pawling, N. Y., where he learned to use all types of military code.

Rembert left the States in March, 1945, by plane with the 313th Troop Carrier Squadron for occupation duty in Norway and Denmark. His stay in Europe was terminated September, 1945, and back to the States he came by boat. He was discharged at Ft. Bragg February, 1946.

WOODSON GARDNER, EX-C SP (S)

Woodsie enlisted at the time the Shore Patrol was being organized, and on completion of "boot" at the Norfolk Operating Base, was assigned to a Shore Patrol unit in the Norfolk area because of his former police experience. Woodsie was one of the first 10 men in the Shore Patrol.

For the next three years and five months, he was based in Norfolk but his duties sent him all over the East Coast. According to Woodsie, the job of maintaining discipline in all branches of the service has its headaches. His discharge was effective January 24, 1946, and he is now back as Sergeant on the Guard Force.

EX-CPL. MARVIN JOHNSON

Marvin was inducted March, 1943, and received his basic in the A. A. F. in Miami, Fla. His first assignment was with a Medical Unit at Drew Field where he was taught the ins and outs of Medical Administration. He left the States for the Pacific Area in November, 1944, as a member of the 6th Bomber Group (B-29's). His base of operations was the island of Tinian. Marvin's work kept him on the ground but he did manage to take a ride on one of the missions over Formosa.

His trip back to the States was begun December 20, 1945, and he finally received his discharge January 5. Marvin works on "D" Shift, P. & S.

EX-MAJOR PAUL D. COOPER

On March 20, 1942, Paul, a reserve officer in the Engineers, was ordered to active duty and was stationed at Fort Belvoir, Va. For sixteen months he was here as a basic training instructor in engineering and in July, 1943, was sent to Orlando, Fla., for two months' schooling in Aviation Engineering.

From an officer's pool in Spokane, Wash., he came back to the East Coast to a P. O. E. and on December 19, 1943, landed in England.

As air field Maintenance Officer with the Eighth Air Force, he had charge of keeping up roads, air fields, runways, buildings, water supplies and the general maintenance work around the base. He was here until July, 1945, when he was redeployed to the States for more training and then duty in the Pacific.

On Paul's return to the States in October, 1945, he was Post Engineer at El Paso, Texas, until he was separated from service on January 18, 1946; he is on terminal leave until May 1, 1946.



Receive Discharge

SGT. JAMES W. DAVIS

A tank soldier with the 13th Armored Division, Jim had basic for 14 months at Camp Beal, Cal., where the division was activated. Advance training for a year followed at Camp Bowie, Tex., and then the Division was shipped to France on January 6, 1945.

As trouble shooters, the Division switched back and forth from the 3d Army to the 1st Army, going wherever a battle could be found. Jim, in charge of a medium tank, was in the Battle of the Rhine and when the war ended they had linked with the Russian Army and were stationed at Bavaria.

His Division was being redeployed to the Pacific; while they were here in training, the war out there ended and "Pretty Boy" received his discharge on February 14, 1946.

CPL. ARTHUR G. ELLIS

Arthur was inducted in November, 1942, and spent the next six months at Miami Beach at the Aircraft Engineers School. From here as Flight Engineer, he was sent to Wilmington, Del., where he was attached to the Air Transport Command.

On their six trips to England, they carried blood plasma and medical supplies and then when they got back to the States were stationed at Long Beach, Cal.

For a period of a year, they flew lend-lease equipment, B-24's, C-46's and C-47's to Russia. When they completed this assignment, Arthur made milk runs to Paris, Casa Blanca until his discharge came through on February 17, 1946.

EX-CPL. AL CONNELLY

Al Connelly spent something like eighteen months overseas and most of it in battle with the Nazis, from Omaha Beach right on through the continent to Czechoslovakia with the 20th Corps of the Third Army.

Al's job was to keep the 155 mm. Long Tom throwing shells at the enemy. His battalion, the 244th Field Artillery Battalion, made, by the way, a splendid record as it moved across the country.

For six months after the surrender, the 244th was called back to Germany as guards for a P. W. Camp. The unit was then sent back to the States to Ft. Meade where Al received his discharge January 6, 1946.

EX-CPL. BRUCE TURNER, JR.

After his induction in July, 1942, Bruce was sent to Camp Wheeler, Ga., for his basic training as an M. P. His first assignment, Bolling Field, Wash., lasted for the next eleven months. Bruce took an assignment for overseas duty, and in July, 1943, set sail for England. After the invasion of France, Bruce's M. P. Unit moved into direct traffic, restoring order in captured towns, doing patrol duty, and guarding vital installations. This type of duty covered his entire stay in Europe.

Bruce left France in December, 1945, and returned to Ft. Meade for his discharge January 9, 1946.

EX-CPL. WOODROW RAMSEY

Inducted July 16, 1943, Woody had his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga., and was stationed there for six months.

Woody left Frisco in January, 1944, for Australia for regrouping and to get new equipment. From here, they moved to Finchaven, New Guinea, where for 18 months they did maintenance work for the Base Headquarters Unit.

In July, 1945, Woody's unit moved to Manila to run a motor pool as instructors for the Filipinos. He was here three months and then returned to the States for his discharge.

RALPH CANTER, EX-SEAMAN, 2/c

After boot camp at Bainbridge, Md., Ralph was sent to Camp Endicott, R. I., for general training in the Seabees. From here, he went to the distribution center at Camp Parks, Cal.

In September, 1945, he left the States for Hawaii as a replacement for a discharged sailor. Ralph left there for Japan in October where he was slated for rehabilitation duty.

The destroyer that transported Ralph and his gang to Japan docked on November 11, 1945, and for five days, they stayed in a Japanese harbor but were never allowed to go ashore. November 16 they sailed back to the States and he received his discharge at Shoemaker, Cal.

EX-PFC. HALFRED MORAN

Halfred was inducted into Uncle Sam's Army in September, 1944. His basic training was received at Ft. Belvoir, Va., after which he was assigned to the 703d Military Police Battalion at Ft. Myers, Va.

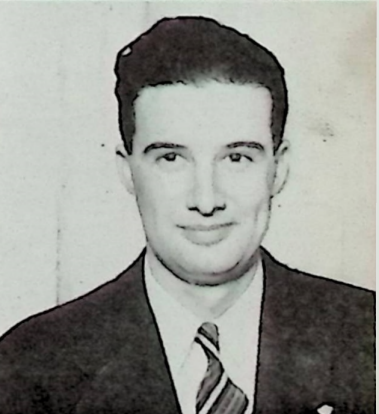
Ten months of his nineteen months in service were spent at Camp Butner, N. C. as an M. P. on the post. He rode trains, pulled town duty, escorted prisoners, and all the other "million" things an M. P. is supposed to do.

His discharge was received on April 12, and Halfred reported back for work, April 22.

JOE STILLWELL, EX-RADIO TECHNICIAN, 3/c

Great Lakes, Ill., was the proving grounds for Joe's boot training. He was here for five weeks before taking a course in pre-radio at Herzer City Junior College in Chicago. Three months' advance training in radio material at Gulfport, Miss., and then he was stationed for nine months at the Navy Pier in Chicago.

From Shoemaker, Cal., in June, 1945, Joe went to Pearl Harbor where he stayed a month before shoving on to Saipan. At the Naval Supply Depot on Saipan, Joe repaired receivers, other broken radio parts and issued new equipment. He was here until he came back to the States for discharge on January 15, 1946.



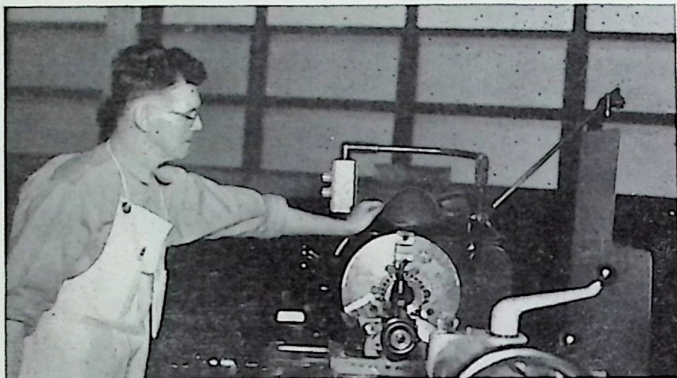
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Again this column has no name. In the April issue, we enclosed blanks for each employee to use in submitting a name for the column. So far to date, the return of these blanks to the Editor has been slow, consequently, a title has not been selected. In order to give everyone ample opportunity to participate, this column again appears under the question mark sign.

There is no limit to the number of titles one may submit. "The more the merrier." Additional blanks may be obtained from THE BLENDER Office, and all entries must be in THE BLENDER Office not later than May 30.

The question this month is a little on the personal side—What, in your opinion, is the ideal age for marriage? Why?

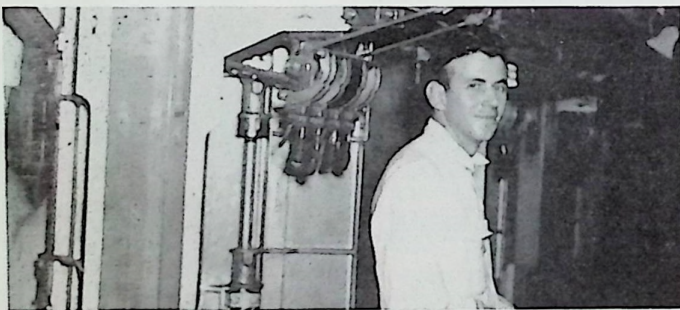
What is the Ideal Age for Marriage ? ? ? ?



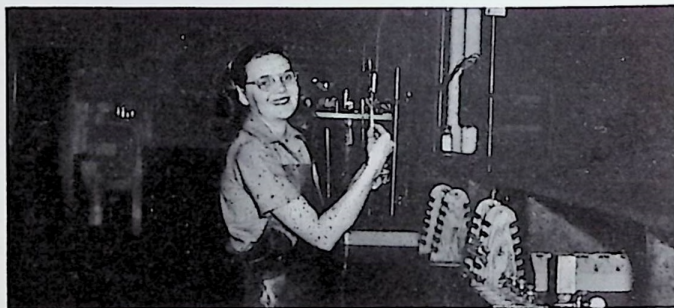
Ernie Colburn, Machinist, Shops—"Well, now I have been married nigh on to 22 years, and I won't say how old I was at the time; but I think 21 years of age or thereabout is the proper time. One knows, or should, more about what he is doing. And you can't pin me down further."



Evelyn Turner, "D" Shift, Textile—"Twenty-one, because most of the time you are ready to settle down and start keeping house. I think, however, that the man should be 23 or 24 because they aren't as settled at 21 as a girl."



Grady Jessup, P. & S. Spinner, 2d floor—"When you take the notion. That's when I got married. I was 20 and my wife 16. We were in love, of course, and decided it was the thing to do."



Lovelene Hensley, Process Control Lab—"Twenty-five is the time. You have had time to enjoy single life. When you get married, it's time to settle down. Twenty-five is a good settling down age."



Left: Sally Harrison, "D" Shift, Textile—"Seventeen isn't the time. Twenty-one or twenty-two—you've got more sense and more ready to settle down." Right: Frances Pinkard, "D" Shift, Textile—"About 21. Should know by then what they are doing. I was 21 and look at me."



Henry Duncan, Textile Maintenance—"About 20 or 21. I was 19 but I was old enough to know what I was doing because I thought I had found the right person and I didn't want her to get away."

In the Interest of Safety

The Third Plant Safety Conference was held in the Office Conference Room last month for the purpose of discussing ways and means of reducing unsafe practices. The photo at left shows the representatives of the various areas: Seated, left to right, Frances Wells, Cafeteria; Gertrude Eanes, Inspection; Gladys Campbell, Accounting; Travis Mattox, Textile. Standing, left to right: Charlie Butcher, Power; Johnny Groet, Project Engineering; Lou Kottmann, Process Control; Bill Burgess, Safety; Selmar Ford, Maintenance; Paul Cooper, Process Development; Joe Stilwell, Methods and Standards; Bill Criss, P. & S.; Harry Daughtry, Personnel; "Genus" Lanier, Stores.

We are entering a bracket of safety performance, without a major injury, of between seven and nine million exposure hours. Few plants reach this bracket and even fewer exceed it. Those which have exceeded these figures are Iliion, N. Y., with 9,290,600 hours; Morgantown, W. Va., 9,568,500; Lake City Ordnance, 11,290,400; Old Hickory, 11,361,846; Denver, 14,608,900, and Sanford, 18,871,795 hours. In each case, when the safety record was broken, an unsafe practice was responsible. In our own particular case, we can profit by fully realizing the importance of putting a stop to unsafe practices. Month after month, we talk and hear a lot about these unsafe practices but some of them continue. Here are just a few examples—"kitchen" or "strike anywhere" matches are still being brought on the plant, ashes and cigarettes are still being found in waste baskets, employees holding ladders without eye protection, improper use of stairsteps, walking more than two abreast in corridors, cutting corners, etc. These things may seem small and unsequential



but it was just such unsafe practices as these that caused the excellent safety performance at the above Company plants to be broken.

Now, what can we as individuals do about it? We may hold safety conferences every day but if we don't use our heads, keep on our toes, and watch our step for any and all unsafe practices, some one of us is likely to end up behind the eight-ball with a major injury and out of that eight million exposure hour bracket.



Dot and Her Horses



Hobbyist Dot Skeen



By RUTH STULTZ

Dot Skeen of Cost Section really wanted to ride her hobby; therefore, she is making a collection of horses. So far her collection varies from models of one to fifteen inches and of sundry materials—china, wood, plastic, metal and straw. Dot has about forty horses and would have more but she says she had to slow up her collecting. It's mighty hard to find stable room in a small apartment.

Her most unusual specimen is a fifteen-inch straw steed complete with rider and made in Mexico. She is also proud of a lowly jackass carved from wood which came from Japan.

You might think a horse is a horse in any language but you would never see any resemblance between Dot's homey woe-begone nag and her proud gilted colt. She thinks this variety of shapes and expressions serves to make her hobby most interesting.

While Dot doesn't aspire to anything so spectacular as Admiral Halsey, she says her greatest ambition is to own an honest to goodness real live hoss!



**Capt. R. G. Culbertson
U. S. N. R.**



The photographs contained on these pages were furnished by R. G. Culbertson, Captain, U. S. N. R., who for the last year of the war was stationed at Adak, Alaska, as Supply Officer for the Ninth Fleet and Adak Sector. Dick is shown in the above photo at this desk in the Adak Headquarters. He is back on the job as Inspection and Shipping Area Supervisor.

Vice Admiral Frank Jack Fletcher, Commander North Pacific Force and Area U. S. N., is piped aboard the U. S. S. *Panamint* (AGC 13) for the surrender of all Jap forces in the Ominato Guard District Area. This surrender and occupation of Northern Japan was carried out in conjunction and as a part of the entire surrender proceedings. Vice Admiral Fletcher was considered to be an excellent choice on the part of General MacArthur and Admiral Nimitz to take charge of the ceremonies. Admiral Fletcher and those under his command fought hard and worked long for this day.

With that same fixed purpose in mind as reflected on Admiral Fletcher's face, we must resolve to ourselves that those who died to make this victory possible will not have died in vain.

Jap Surrender

To be on hand to take part in the surrender and occupation ceremonies, Admiral Fletcher invited the Commanding Officers and Flag Officers of the visiting ships in the area. These officers were not invited as individuals but rather as representatives of the officers and men under their particular command.

The men in this picture represent the fine, clean cut American men and women who, when the chips are down, and the forces of oppression pick on peace-loving people, get their dander up and set about putting things a-right again.



In the picture above, Admiral Fletcher with the representatives of a beaten Japan, which of the United States, stand at attention to hear "By order of General MacArthur *** and command are making an emergency Naval occupation. This is in advance of occupation forces which Hokkaido and that portion of Honshu which "The purpose of this conference is to provide orders implementing this Naval occupation, provided with and are complying with the terms of the September 2 in Tokyo Bay *** issued by the



"I have given consideration to the preliminary discussion with my Chief of Staff on the basis of all my orders in complete good faith, you large scale movement of Forces ashore, in order to evacuate your personnel from the islands to meet the requirements of our occupation."

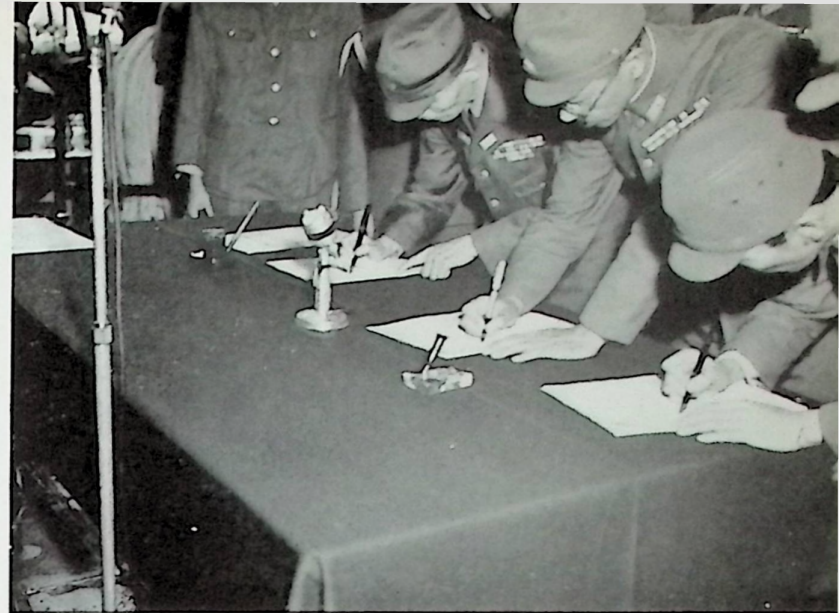
"I will maintain my headquarters on board the ship. I have issued instructions to the person and properties of peaceful Japanese the same discipline and order that has been evident without any incident that would only increase the discipline." "Commandore Robinson, my Chief of Staff, Occupation Order Number One."



Members of his staff opens the proceedings. He dared to challenge the freedom and might of the introductory remarks by Admiral Fletcher. Admiral Nimitz *** the Forces under my command of the Ominato Guard District Area. will take over control of designated areas in the north of latitude 40° N. It is my understanding that you have been signed of the Instrument of Surrender, signed on the Supreme Commander, Allied Powers.



represented by your emissaries at their presentation September 7. Subject to your prompt execution I will be informed sufficiently in advance of any order that you may take necessary measures in designated territory and make necessary preparations for my Flagship and will not require accommodation for personnel under my command to respect. I expect this occupation to proceed with the full in other parts of the Japanese Islands, and the sufferings of the Japanese people. I will now read the text of my Emergency



The way is clear to the Jap officers of the Ominato Guard District Area. They have only one choice—to sign on the dotted line. D. Kanome, Rear Admiral, the Chief Staff Officer of Ominato Guard Station; and M. Kanai, Governor of Aomori Prefecture, and Kanji Ugaki, Commandant of the Ominato Naval Guard District Area, are among those signing the documents in behalf of the Japanese Government.

A good look at the photograph will show that the Japs derive no pleasure from their task. The entire proceedings were transmitted to the other ships in the area.

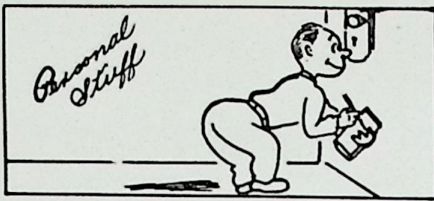
In Northern Japan

Members of Admiral's Staff and visiting officers leave the deck of the U. S. S. *Panamint* upon completion of the ceremonies.

After the signing, the Japs located on maps the mine fields and described the anchorage facilities of Mutsu Bay.

A long and costly war was over.





POLYMER AND SPINNING

"A" SHIFT

We welcome to "A" Shift Aubrey Patterson, who was discharged from the Navy, March 4, 1946, after 18 months of service.

Gene Ramsey says the city life and the city ways are driving him insane. So he packed up and moved to the country!

Jiggs Jessup sure is interested in his garden this year, particularly his potato patch. He sits by the window to see the first plant come up.

We are sorry to lose Roy Richardson to Textile.

We regret losing the first floor foreman, Curtis Connor, to Technical.

We welcome Ogle Hess to "A" Shift, first floor, as foreman. He has been away quite awhile working with atomic bomb projects and the Navy.

By Worth Martin

"B" SHIFT

This is our first opportunity to welcome back from the Service Phil Osborne and "Chubby" Baldwin.

Sea Captain Harville is advertising for a qualified navigator to assist himself and guests to navigate the tricky Smith River channel.

Dan Rodgers, fisherman for excellence, blames "out of season fishing" as the reason for his poor catch on opening day.

We are glad to have Tom Stanley with us on the second floor.

"Randy" Bradley is back again after recuperating from that automobile accident.

Reports from Bill Cole's mink ranch tell us that "Minnie the MINX" will shortly pay dividends on the original investment.

Armon Deal is still gazing wistfully at his home, wondering when he can move in from next door.

By ???????

"C" SHIFT

We wish to welcome Posey Dalton, Hugh and Harry Dandridge, who have just returned from the Armed Forces.

Paul Dalton and Virginia Hazelwood were married recently. Good luck to both of you!

Bob Hutchens and Fred Bryant will hear those wedding bells ring in June.

Clark Grant, who is no stranger to any of us, is welcomed to our shift.

Perry Brown has finally gotten a house after months of desperate effort.

"Skeeter" Shelburne has a darn good Ford, that is if you don't mind pushing up hill!

By Ben Gardner

"D" SHIFT

Bruce Turner, Reeford Kitts and Ray Moran are new members of "D" Shift.

Espa Stanley left us recently for a day assignment. Coy King was transferred to Textile.

Claude Minter is moving into a new home on Forest Street. How about a little house-warming party, Claude?

We hear Delancey is the man behind the man who makes with the jive. He repairs and makes musical instruments.

Ed Compton says his car radio is very hard on batteries, especially when he parks a lot!

Reeford Kitts is expecting to have a new boss very soon. He is joining the Royal Order early in May.

Nat Harlowe and "Boney" Copeland say the fish hatcheries will have to run overtime to restock some of the streams they recently fished.

Paul Priddy says he had rather walk up town than try to find a parking space when he drives.

By Jim Souther

DAY CREW AND DAY RELIEF

When Murray Bryant and Bernard Turner finish the improvements they have started on their homes, they will have something to show for all their hard work.

Charlie Martin is recuperating from a tonsillectomy.

Ernie Moore still waits patiently for that new automobile.

Naomi Wyne never fails to tell us some of her big plans for the future.

By Betty Inman

TEXTILE

"A" SHIFT

We are glad to have Margie Prillaman, Mary Tawney, and Lorrene Fleming back with us after being out sick.

Welcome to "A" Shift, Evelyn Turner and two new foreladies, Mildred Dalton and Louise Farmer.

Myrtle Davis is all smiles—her husband is on his way home.

No wonder Lucy Woods is all smiles. Her husband was home last week.

Congratulations and good luck to Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Martin. Mrs. Martin is the former Ruth Merriman.

By Gracie Odell

"B" SHIFT

HAVE YOU NOTICED:

Willie Turner's new dodge.

Estelle Martin signing her name Mrs. Willie McDonald.

Claudine Martin's freckles and suntan.

Ilene Harman coming in to work on Day Shift wide awake.

The following new girls in Miscellaneous: Juanita Gilbert, Jeannette Davis, and Edna Gilley; in backwinding, Geneva and Beatrice Grant.

Evelyn Bocock back at work after a tonsillectomy.

Ruth Campbell being addressed as Mrs. Winton Walker.

Margaret Bullington's new permanent.

Ona Gover gaining weight.

By Evelyn Bocock

"C" SHIFT

MY GREATEST AMBITION IS—

Helen Taylor: To whistle like Ben Gardner, so that she can whistle while she works.

Helen Martin: To win friends and influence people.

Hilda Tucker: To make a good wife and good biscuits for her husband to-be.

Violet Ramsey: To settle down in Chase City.

Una Soyars: To dance like Carmen Miranda.

We would like to welcome our new operators: Mavis Tilley, Mae Smith, Marie Nunn, and Dorothy Fountain.

Congratulations to Ardis Angle and Virginia Hazelwood, our new brides!

We wish Elaine Grogan a speedy recovery from her recent operation and hope to have her back again soon.

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"D" SHIFT

Anna Rutledge and Dorothy Lancaster are on the sick list. We wish them a speedy recovery and hope they will soon be back with us.

Eloise Hutchenson is sporting a beautiful diamond. Who's the lucky guy?

Hazeltine Young has sold her car and is hitch-hiking to work! Can you beat that?

Lucille Compton doesn't have much trouble with her hair nets since she got that G. I. Myrtle McCormick will miss tucking your curls, too.

We welcome the following new girls to our shift: Kitty Rorrer, Margaret Roberson, Myrtle Cannaday, Hazel Jones and Kathleen Gibson.

By Evelyn Norman

DAY CREW AND DAY RELIEF

We welcome the following girls to our area: Frances Parsons, Irene Hylton, Carleen and Marleen Matthews.

Vivian Jones became Mrs. Marion Beck on Saturday, April 20. The couple made a short wedding trip through Shenandoah Valley.

Evelyn Gaudin is as good with the paint brush as she is on a drawtwister.

Audrey Smith goes fishing about every night but we never know if she brings back any fish.

WE WONDER WHY—

Elsie Murphy goes fishing if all the big ones get away.

Eunice McCubbens brings her pets with her to work.

Kay Gunter goes to Roanoke so often.

Lovelene Frith wants a new Plymouth.

We welcome Lovelene Frith, Magdalene Koger and Virgie Souther to our group.

We welcome Florence Shelton and Annie Nelson to our group from Process Control.

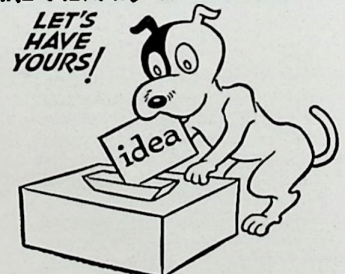
Ruby Smith is on the lookout for a new beau. Is that why you are going to Wilmington?

It's good to have Reva White back after a short illness.

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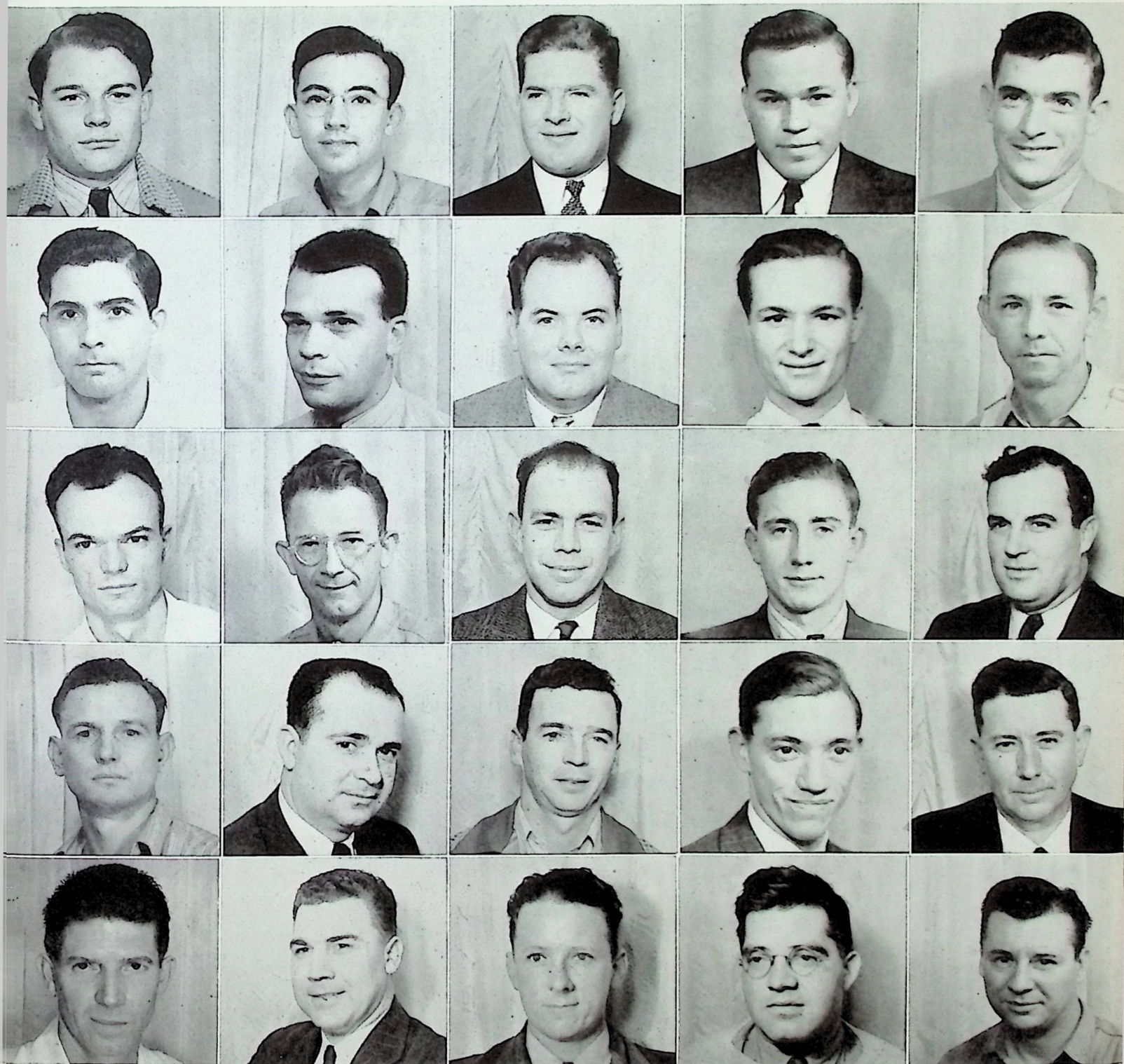
BLENDER PUP SAYS . . .

SAFETY SUGGESTIONS
ARE ALWAYS WELCOME



WE AIN'T A' GONNA TELL YOU WHAT

Five Years



JAMES TAYLOR
JOHN GAULDIN
FRED ROBERTSON
JUSTIAN KELLY
JOHN HUBBARD

OWEN THOMASON
FRANK BRINER
RICHARD MILLER
CLYDE FENTRESS
WOODROW RAMSEY

RALPH SHERRY
LEONARD WOODALL
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LEWIS BROWN
THOMAS PHILPOTT

LEWIS HANES
JAMES CARTER
AL FLAHERTY
VANCE PRILLAMAN
BILL LEHMAN

(Continued from Page 12)

Nadine Schwarch was observed having a good time Easter Sunday. Who was he, Nadine? Thelma Foley is very happy about her boy friend not leaving again!

Clarice Coates, Naalma Martin Andeiae Miles refuse to say a word.

Edith Painter says she is just a little homesick for Kansas City.

By Sarah Hazelwood
Pauline Yates
Gloria bishop

SHIPPING, INSPECTION AND SPOOLING

Ruth Terrell has taken her matrimonial venture seriously and decided to leave us. Best of luck!

Curtis Fain is taking photography now since the snapshots of his favorite gal, developed by a local concern, didn't meet expectations.

Our new megaphone is a "handy gadget" in paging shipping personnel throughout the enlarged area. After it is perfected, we will present "Want a man" Prillaman with one!

"Mac" McMillan doesn't report as tired mornings since he unhitched himself from the plow and bought a mule.

Johnnie Powell has promised everything but sugar and butter at his barn raising festival.

It looks like wedding bells will be ringing for Galilee Black—on her left hand she is wearing a sparkling diamond from that man, Bill.

Juanita Hiatt can't make up her mind whether it's Jimmy or Gene!

By ???????

MAINTENANCE

P. & S. MAINTENANCE

! The Pump Room has two new faces. We welcome Johnny Vaughn and J. C. Wigginton to the Pump Repair Shop group.

We understand that Richard Witt has gained so much weight since going on Straight Day that he pushes his car up hill and rides down.

We welcome Bob Markham back after being out sick.

We wish Bill Lehman a speedy recovery and hope he will be back on the job soon.

Very few people realize what shift work can do for a person. Tom Morris was seen leaving the plant without his hat or coat.

Holland Pace can be heard singing an old familiar song, "Don't Fence Me In." He has for neighbors three policemen.

By T. D. Alexander

SHOPS

We were all saddened to hear of the death of Dexter Anderson's mother.

We are sorry to learn that Harold O'Neill is selling out and leaving town.

Johnnie Cooper and Bill Terrell are still on the sick list.

Ralph Canter is the latest to get back on the job from the Armed Forces.

If all the new country squires from the Shops cultivate only part of their holdings, we expect a Bumper Blister Crop.



The above sign was clipped from the *New York Times* by one of the faithful and, as a joke, sent to George Hollis over in the Power House. We think his reply was so clever, we reprint herewith:

REGARDING 14TH CENTURY CASTLE

Have investigated same and found conditions entirely accurate as advertised. It has been fully restored to 14th Century splendor:

1. No heat
2. No lights
3. No water
4. No bath (could overlook this item)

Didn't mind these little inconveniences so much but when they wanted \$125 down and \$12.48 a month—that did it! Someone ought to report them to the O. P. U.

Thanks for all present and future help but would appreciate your raising your sights several centuries.

All kidding aside, I might consider it except for a small item of \$50,000.

Johnnie Richardson lost a daughter by marriage, and all his relatives and friends from West Virginia have arrived to help console him.

Charlie Steele says he can't make up his mind whether to buy a house to live in or an airplane to not live long in!

The shining face of J. C. Wigginton is greatly missed from the tool crib. All the more so because there is so much of it to shine.

By ???????

TEXTILE MAINTENANCE

We are very sorry to lose Bob Farris—Best of luck on your new job, Bob. We want to welcome Selmar Ford to our group. Louis



Safety Suggestions Adopted

April, 1946

SAFETY POWER	MAINTENANCE
Harold D. Justice	G. D. Prillaman
C. J. Cunningham	Marvin B. Rankin
R. N. Crockett	PROCESS CONTROL
R. K. Mitchell	C. J. Davis, Jr.

Slagle's suntan after a vacation in Alabama Noel Wood eating one of his fryers. Bill Mizell moving into his new home. John Koger waiting for that new Ford.

By Henry Duncan

PROTECTION

Fred Critz and Whitten Gregory, being allergic to saccharin tablets, have decided to bring their own sugar for coffee.

On a recent fishing trip, Neil Gregory didn't suffer fisherman's luck—just a badly torn pair of pants!

Spencer Reynolds spent that long week-end at Stoney Point, N. C.

We hope that by the time this issue of *THE BLENDER* comes off the press, the T. E. Jones family will be well again.

Branton Martin went home the other day and found one less room in his home. Thanks to his neighbors, the fire didn't burn the rest.

By "The Sergeants"

JANITORS

Moyer Kellam has bought a pig. He said he wanted to get a 500-pound hog by fall. The fellows around the plant said it takes more than water and grass to get a 500-pound hog by fall!

Who wants to sell a flame thrower? Clarence Self caught a cat catching his chickens—now he wants to kill all the cats in town!

Nat Burgess is planning to enjoy baseball this summer. They are building a park in the back of his home.

By Clarence Self
H. G. Pritchett

POWER SERVICE

"Doc" Graves is the latest Power Service employee to return from the Armed Forces. Glad to have you back with us, "Doc."

George Crews hooked, sliced and dubbed his way out of the golf business a few weeks ago but we understand he is now anxiously awaiting the arrival of his new set of clubs.

W. O. (Smitty) Smith, who used to spend all of his time in the Air-Conditioning Group, is now training with the Electric Heating Group.

Ellis Dodson, Cliff Cunningham and Harold Justice are all recovering from recent vacations.

Billy Holland, formerly employed in the P. & S. Area, is now working with the Air-Conditioning Group. We're glad to have you with us, Billy.

By Harold Justice

POWER

Ralph Beardsley, U. S. Army, was a recent visitor in the Power Area.

Charlie Murray, Power Area Golf Specialist, was forced to play some mighty fine golf in defeating George Crews and "Duck" Henderson in the first two rounds of the Power Area Golf Tournament. Charlie dished out 10 stroke handicaps in these matches.

The Power House Maintenance Group recently completed a retubing job on the Carrier Condenser with a very good safety performance. Nice going, fellows.

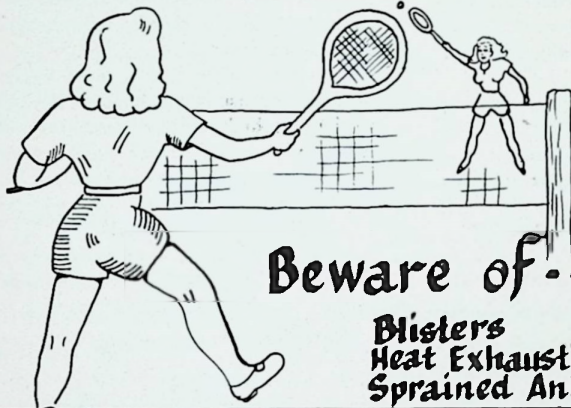
By Guy Williams

AND WE AIN'T A'GONNA TELL YOU WHEN

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ARE HAVING A VACATION

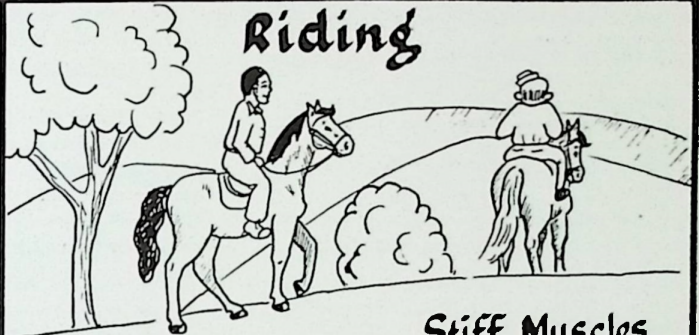
Tennis



Beware of...

Blisters
Heat Exhaustion
Sprained Ankles

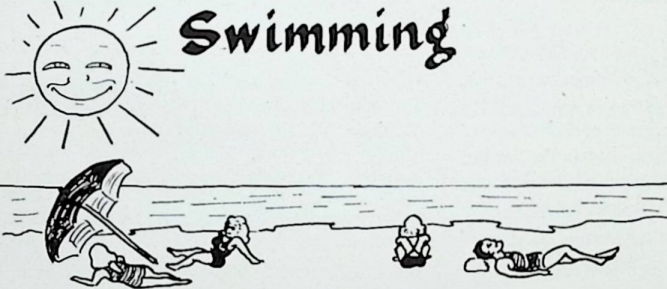
Riding



Avoid...

Stiff Muscles
Fractures } FROM
Bruises } FALLS

Swimming



Watch out for

Sun Burn
Sun Strokes
Water in Lungs
Drowning
Cramps

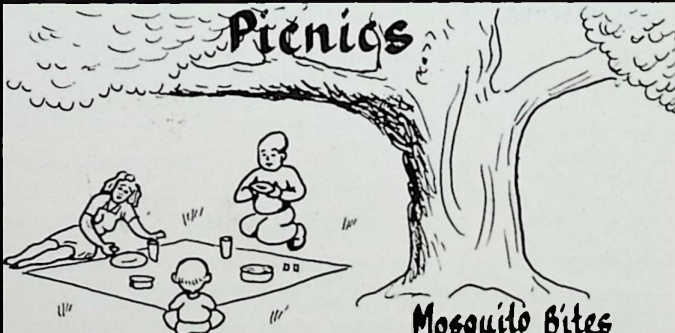
Hiking



Don't Invite

Snake Bites
Chiggers
Poison Ivy
Poison Oak

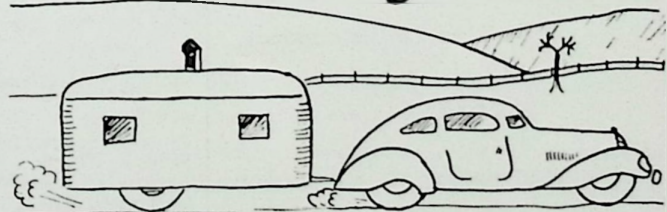
Picnics



Guard Against

Mosquito Bites
Cuts on Cans
Food Poisoning
Contaminated
Water

Traveling



Prevent

Accidents
Loss of Sleep
Lowered Resist-
-ance

By Medical Group

CAFETERIA

CHOW CHATTER

Clara Hamrick recently joined our group. A hearty welcome to you, Clara.

Along about June, the Cafeteria will drop one name from its list of prospective old maids. This time it's Gladys Shumate who will become Mrs. Bob Hutchens.

Annie Hairfield's shoulder wasn't quite large enough to hold the corsage of pink carnations sent her on Easter morning.

We wish to welcome Josephine Hayes as the most recent addition to Cafeteria personnel. Their Favorite Tunes—

Sue Pierce—"Waiting for the Light (pronounced LYTE) to Shine."

Audriu Doss—"It's Been So Long, Darling."

Virginia Harris—"Trace the Little Footprints in the Snow."

Jackie Bryant—"Three O'Clock in the Morning."

Talmage Thornton—"Honey."

Alice Tudor—"Wreck of the Old 97."

Janie Mason—"Oh, How I Hate to Get up in the Morning."

Lula Hairston—"The Man I Love."

Sallie Clarke, Ernestine Anglin—"One O'Clock Jump."

By Ruth Yearout

ACCOUNTING

Congratulations to Gladys Campbell, the proud possessor of a five-year service pin!

Who has been sending Helen Dickerson those pretty flowers? We were led to believe that she went to Vinton for Mother's home cooking!

Emily Hensley took a flying trip to Charlottesville and it looked so good she went back the next week-end, but by a slower method.

Millie Thomas is back, minus her inspiration, so she says.

Vann Freeman went to Seaford the other week-end. She must have liked her first visit there a lot from all reports.

Sara Minter has been running around like a chicken with its head cut off since Skip and Bessmer came, but says she is about to settle down to routine again.

Margaret Baughn is certainly glad to see baseball season again. Why she is even betting Leaksville can beat Martinsville!

Most people got Easter Bunnies for Easter, but Becky Edwards walks in with a sparkler.

Records Section welcomes Jim Short, recently discharged from the Army.

We will miss Frances Stanley, who will make her home in Washington, D. C., some time after June 1. (Married, no less!)

We miss Virginia Young and Evelyn Turner a lot and wish them lots of luck on their new jobs.

By Ruth Stultz

STORES

DID YOU SEE ??? ?

Kay Chitwood the day she received her diamond!!!!

Harvey Beauchamp driving around in his new, ex-G. I. truck.

Everett Griffin saying goodbye to everyone as he left the Company to take up farming in Delaware.

Bill Lovell coaxing his garden along with the water hose.

Maynard Layman still trying to complete the building of his new home in spite of the building material shortage.

"Genus" Lanier enjoying his favorite sport on the sunny bleachers at English Field.

Bill Geoghegan and Pete Hensley hiding Easter eggs in the city park.

Emly Rea sneaking to the City's treasury office with a dollar in one hand and a parking ticket in the other.

Garrett Wells eager eyes when he heard three brand new Chevrolets were being released—four more to go!!!

Howard Turner preparing for the summer months by repairing the office fly swatter.

Marie Brown being welcomed back to Stores for another visit in the absence of Juanita Custer.

Lewis Hanes asking his favorite question, "Where can I find an apartment" ???

Martha Weaver reading up on horse racing before her vacation.

Corporal Salem Hairston, recently discharged from Army Air Forces, is now working in Stores

By Ernestine Stultz

PROCESS DEVELOPMENT

Bill Wood passed around cigars and chocolates this month—It's a boy!

Anyone desiring information on cooking, see Bill Woodruff. We understand he can bake a cake without flour—and what a cake!

One way of solving the problem of baby sitters has been worked out by the Frank Pollocks and Bill Taylors. When the Paul Coopers and Ray Lowes dropped by, a bridge game was started with a table at each house and the players progressed from house to house, thereby always making four people in each house to sit with the children. (Eureka! ! Eo.)

Don Jacobs is reporting some good golf scores after the week-ends. He thinks his new clubs are helping his morale.

Jon Carriel is being transferred to N. R. L. in Wilmington. Good luck, Jon. You'll really be missed here.

By Margaret Russell

Employee Suggestions Adopted

April, 1946

EMPLOYEE POLYMER AND SPINNING

Paul J. Arnn
Troy W. Nelson
Willie G. Plaster
Herman W. Reeves
German L. Shields

TEXTILE

Minnie S. Mims

POWER

J. R. Pyle
W. F. Cleary
C. J. Cunningham
J. P. Harrison

MAINTENANCE

A. A. Austin
J. C. Wigginton
Clarence W. Harris
Lloyd L. Harris
R. S. Pease
J. E. Torrey

PROCESS CONTROL

J. X. Labovsky
John Prillaman

ACCOUNTING

Willa Dean Morris

PERSONNEL

This is our first opportunity to congratulate the Beaches and Branhames on their recent family additions. Christopher Martin Beach made his appearance March 13 and on March 25, Jean Elizabeth Branham came along.

Another veteran along the obstetric line is "Doc" Randolph. During Easter week-end, he helped deliver calves and little "Lambisie Dives!"

Just two more days and then—Martha Powell leaves for New York. On the way up, she is stopping off in Philadelphia to witness the wedding of Catherine Marsh, former Assistant Cafeteria Supervisor.

After six o'clock you will most likely find Marv Lentz exercising his lungs to the tune of "Stee-rick one, ball, foul ball, out, safe, etc."

Another baseball fan, but from Leaksville, has high hopes of a prosperous season. Doris Martin will bet with you any time—of course, she's upholding the home team!

Par for the Beaver Creek Golf Course is 36. Emil Johnson has sent in a complaint and a suggestion to raise it to 136. Of course, this is just beginners' luck!

By Jean Critz

PROJECT ENGINEERING

John (better known as "Jackson") Hellaby with the aid of Scotty May and a few road maps finally made his way over to Salem, Va. Big business, huh, Jackson?

Since Waller does not have a garden we wonder where he got that "crick" in his back.

Roy Bullington wonders why baseball season brings along the rain. He is waiting patiently to see that first game of the season.

By Lucille Hodges

PURCHASING

It was nice seeing Lieutenant Colonel J. W. Kindell on his recent visit to the Plant. Ditto Bill Brabson, who is now a civilian again.

Did you see Ruth Nelson sporting that beautiful orchid Easter Sunday?

Another birthday in Purchasing—this one was Elizabeth Smith's and our Happy Birthday wishes were given between mouthfuls of her cookies and peach pickles—GOOD!

Having sold their faithful cars, Lloyd Riggan and Ed Minnick are traveling via foot and thumb these days.

By Imogene Davis

PRODUCTION CONTROL

"A Star is made not born." From all reports we hear, this would apply to Ralph Westervelt and Ann Prillaman, as we understand they are progressing rather rapidly with their dramatizing with the "Community Theater."

Jim Bott reports he had quite a nice trip on his visit to the Waynesboro Plant. We can imagine, Jim, how interesting it must have been to compare the differences in producing "Nylon" and "Acele" yarn.

By Marge Cooke

Company Plans and Policies

This is the second installment of a series on the Company Plans and Policies. It is the purpose of these writeups to refresh the employees' knowledge of said Plans and assure a thorough understanding of the various requirements and provisions of each. Any questions you may have relative to any one of these plans can be answered by your supervision, who can also supply pamphlets describing each plan in detail.

Group Life Insurance Plan

Under this plan the life of each employee, after he completes one year of service, is insured through the Equitable Life Assurance Society. The Company pays the entire cost of this insurance.

Employees having dependents are first insured for \$700 and each year of continuous Company service thereafter adds \$200 to this amount until the total amount of insurance reaches \$1500, at the end of five years' service. An employee without dependents is insured for \$300, and this amount is not increased as long as the employee remains without dependents.

In order to qualify as a dependent a beneficiary must be an employee's wife or husband, child, parent, blood relative to whose support the employee contributes at least 20 per cent of his wages or salary, or some other person to whose support the employee contributes 20 per cent of his wages or salary, provided such other person is approved by the Board of Benefits and Pensions as a dependent beneficiary.

This plan also provides that in case an insured employee becomes totally and permanently disabled before reaching age sixty, the insurance will be paid to him in monthly installments. Pensioners retain their insurance just the same as if they were actively at work.

The insurance is canceled when an employee leaves the service of the Company. It may then, however, be converted into any form of standard policy (except term insurance) without physical examination, upon payment to the insurance carrier of the premium at the employee's

then attained age. Application for conversion should be made to the Equitable Life Assurance Society not later than thirty-one days after the employee leaves the employ of the Du Pont Company.

Pension and Retirement Plan

This plan provides for the retirement on pension of employees with fifteen or more years of Company service when they reach the age of 65, or at an earlier age if they become permanently incapable of performing the normal duties incident to continued employment by the Company.

The amount of a monthly pension is one per cent of the employee's average monthly pay during the last ten years of his service multiplied by the total number of his years' service as defined in the Continuity of Service Rules (see February issue of *THE BLENDER*); except that for all such service with E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company prior to January 1, 1925, the amount of monthly pension is one and one-half per cent of the average monthly pay referred to above multiplied by the total number of years of such service. When and if a pensioner becomes eligible for a Federal Old Age Pension, the amount of the Du Pont pension is reduced by one-half of his Federal Primary Insurance Benefit calculated on the basis of his earnings and service with the Company while covered by the Federal Social Security Act, which represents that portion of his Federal Pension for which the Company has paid through taxes.



Watch Your "Dogs"

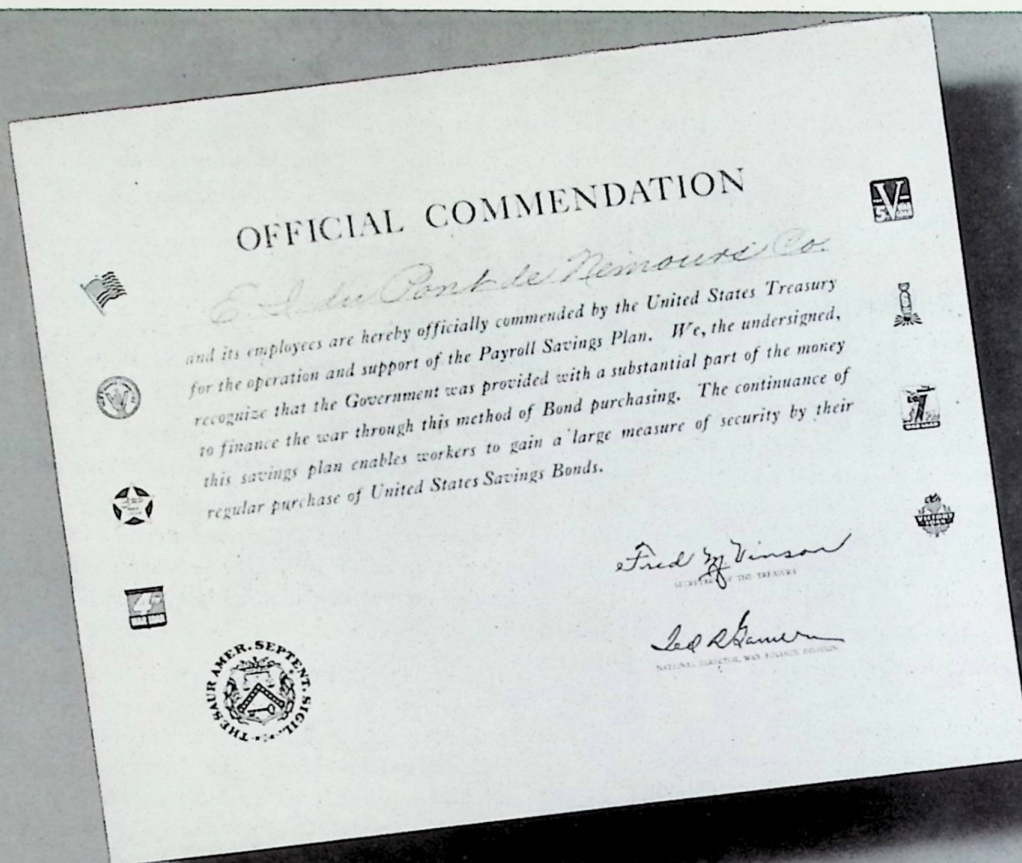
Out of the twenty-four hours in a day, most working people are on their feet at least eight hours. This fact alone should make us realize the importance of proper foot care. But instead, we tend to forget the job our feet do for us—we put them in hot, tight shoes, we don't bother to change our socks each day, we look at the soles and heels of our shoes when we begin to feel "Mother Earth" through them, we "hit the hay" in such a hurry at night we forget to bathe our tired feet that have worked so hard for us all day. Now, mind you, we do not intend to infer that the above happens in 10 out of 10 cases; but it is an established statistical fact that 7 out of every 10 Americans have athlete's foot and these are some of the causes.

In our own particular case here on the plant, we know that more men

than women have athlete's foot. Now glance back in this article and see if you can pick out some of the reasons why this is so.

Although it is considered a child's privilege to go "barefoot" in the summertime, a certain amount of it would be very beneficial to the adult feet. There is nothing like cleanliness, fresh air and sunshine for good health of the human body. Going barefoot gives the toes and arches the much needed exercise to keep them strong.

All of this could be boiled down into a few simple rules for the proper care of our feet. First, bathe the feet daily; second, change the socks daily; third, change the shoes frequently; fourth, go barefoot in the summertime whenever you have the opportunity; fifth, wear proper fitting shoes and keep them in good repair; sixth, whenever bunions, calluses or corns appear, consult a doctor or a chiropodist.



The above certificate of Commendation was received by the Martinsville Plant from the State Director of the War Finance Committee, in recognition of the participation by all employees in the War Bond Payroll Savings Plan.

This plan will be continued on the plant for all those employees who desire to continue their purchase of Savings Bonds.

In part, the letter accompanying the certificate stated that, "The participation in the Plan on the part of your employees provided the needed funds with which to place the implements of War in the hands of our Armed Forces."

KEEP ON BUYING SAVINGS BONDS

Books in the Plant Library

REPRESENTATIVE AMERICAN SPEECHES, 1944-1945. This volume can be used as a reference for study of contemporary American thought; as a series of specific arguments or expositions on problems under investigation; as a record of recent history; or as a series of speeches to be studied as models for the student speech-maker.

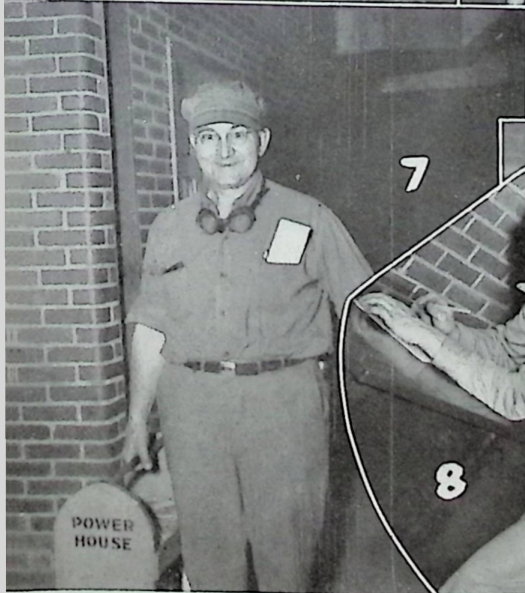
THE SECRETARY'S HANDBOOK—Taintor. This handbook is intended primarily for secretaries whose duties include the writing of letters and other business forms. Not a day passes in a business office that some question of usage does not arise. Secretaries have desired a book planned from their point of view, stressing their problems.

With this in mind, the manual has been written as a reference book containing authoritative usage.

TRAINING FOR SUPERVISION IN INDUSTRY—Fern. An understandable treatment for those concerned with the problems of training men for supervisory positions in industry, containing much that also will help the supervisor with his own program of up-grading and self-improvement, or with his training program. The book explains the conference method and recommends it for accomplishing training, and deals specifically with such supervisory problems as maintaining mental health in industry, handling problems of women workers, promoting safety, training new workers, disciplinary problems, etc.

AND YOU WILL KNOW BY THEN

SCATTER SHOTS



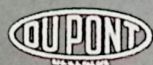
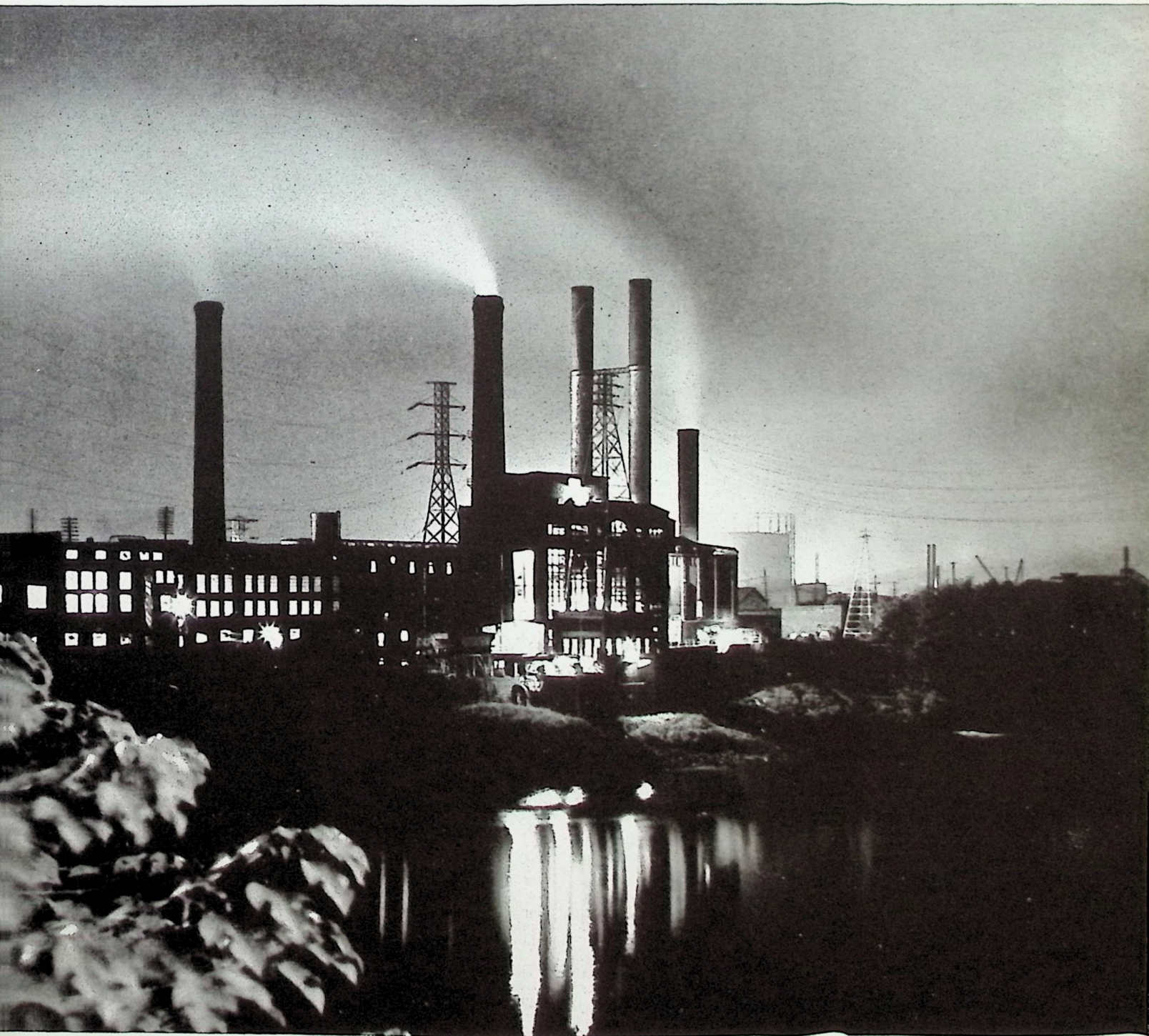
1—"Too many cooks spoil the broth"—the "spoilors" are "Betsy" Thornton, Gussie Price and Lucille Nowlan. 2—It's Marie Brown but you figure it out! 3—Mae Webster tries stretching the yarn. 4—The P. & S. Area couldn't do without their John Handy, Maintenance man. 5—Bernice Craddock and Gladys Young hold back the rolling stock. 6—Even Ruth Yearout and Gladys Ann Shumate, who work in the Cafeteria, seem to be hungry. 7—To the Power Area, J. B. Longworth is known as the "chow totor." 8—Paul Campbell had assumed the angle before the shutter snapped. 9—Madolyn Reynolds, Process Control, is not posing! 10—Before making an exit to the dishwashing room, Eleanor Redd, Lula Hairston, and Ernestine Anglin pose for the R. S. P. A. (Ed. 'Tis the privilege of the reader to make up suitable words for the preceeding initials.)



Nylon Chiffon Gown

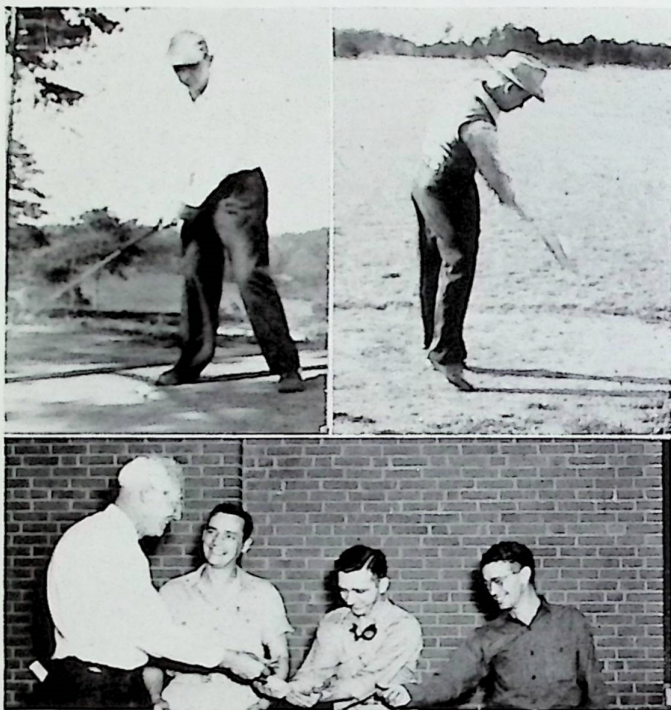
The above photograph shows an all nylon evening gown being modeled by Marie Brown of the Stenographic Group.
This is only one of the many uses to which nylon is being adapted, and which carry out the Du Pont slogan—BETTER THINGS for BETTER
LIVING . . . THROUGH CHEMISTRY.

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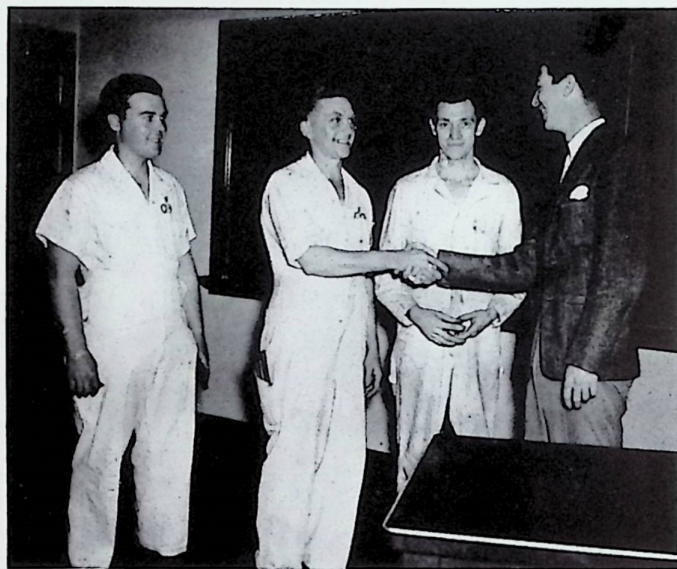
Guthrie Wins Tourney with Charlie Murray Second



Now that the recent Power Golf Tournament is over and things have somewhat quieted down, THE BLENDER feels safe in publishing the above photos.

In the photo at top left, Bill Guthrie, tournament winner, demonstrates his "driving" stance, while at right, Charlie Murray is just about to follow through on his swing. Below: Norm Craigie offers his congratulations to the winners. Left to right, Craigie, Consolation Tournament winner, Ham Burgess, Guthrie, and Murray.

Brown Takes First Prize in Safety Contest



A safety contest was held recently on "B" Shift, P. & S., in which each operator on the shift was asked orally one question pertaining to safety each day. Points were scored for each correct answer, with a possible perfect score of 46 points for each contestant.

At the end of the contest, when the points were totaled, it was such a close race that the scores had to be figured out in fractions. Final standings were: First place, Lewis Brown, perfect score—46 points; second place, John Tuggle—45 3/15 points; third place, Tom Wiggington—44 3/5 points. (See photo above, left to right: Wiggington, Tuggle, Brown and Bill Cole.)



Harrygraphs

By HARRY DAUGHTRY

Again, THE BLENDER introduces another new feature. This time in the form of a sport column, which is designed to carry bits and pieces of information about sports on and off the plant that are of interest.

Back in the old days when ball players had to double-up on the road, Rube Waddell's bunkmate had a clause put in the eccentric Lefty's contract prohibiting his eating animal crackers in bed.

Did you know that German "Buck" Shields, Yarn Lock Operator in P. & S., once played the outfield for Bassett in the old Bi-State League? Pretty fair hitter, too.

It's a fact that over four million people each year play volleyball. Why not take advantage of our volleyball court and some of you areas form a league?

Strange as it may be, Bill Guthrie, Boiler Operator, defeated Charlie Murray, Boiler Operator, for the championship of the Power House Golf Tournament. The catch was that Bill had a handicap of 26 strokes for 18 holes, which was just a "wee bit" too much for Charlie to overcome. Nevertheless, Bill is the "Champ."

On the consolation side of this tournament, Ham Burgess, Maintenance, was the winner when "Connie" Ryan, Power, conceded defeat at the 15th hole when he was nine strokes down and ole man "Jupiter Pluvius" decided he would ease Ryan's pain.

Did you know that Marvin Lentz, better known as "Meat Ball," who now is our Training Supervisor, umpired professional baseball for

six years without ever guessing wrong? "I know it's the truth because he put me out of a ball game no less than three times because he was right and I was wrong."

It's true that Phil Osborne, P. & S. Operator, is probably the best basketball player that Leaksville ever produced, and they have produced lots of outstanding basketball players.

Outside of winning all the prizes in various quiz contests, George Branham, better known as "Bulldog," is a flashy softball player and a great fisherman.

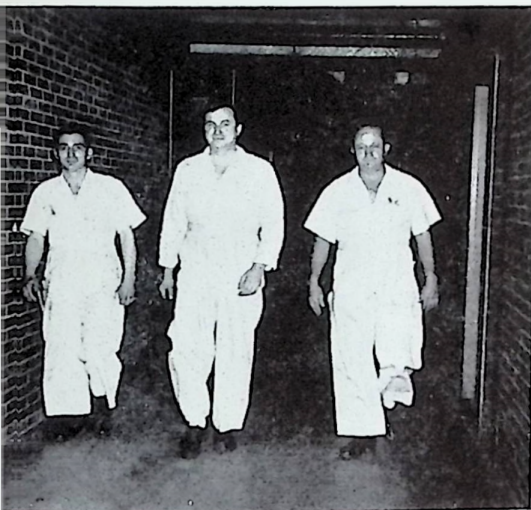
Wilbert Evans, Electric Heating Operator in the Power Area, originally from Goldsboro, N. C., "God's Country," he calls it, knows every baseball player that ever played ball south of the Mason-Dixon Line.

Before closing, I would like to know what you think of this chatter. This is just an experiment. I will probably run out before two or three issues, however, if you like it, let your friend Beach, the editor (and a good one) know. Maybe we can dig up some more.

A Prediction. The Martinsville Athletics will finish no worse than fourth place in the Carolina League this year.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The comments and opinions expressed in this column are purely those of the author and do not necessarily represent the ideas and opinions of the editors or publishers.

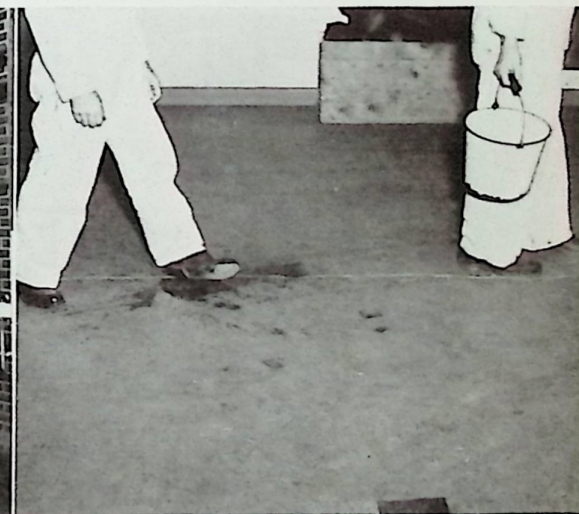
Unsafe Practices Cause Injuries



To walk three or four abreast in the corridors is as dangerous as driving the wrong way on a one-way street. Such a practice creates congestion, which in turn creates a bumping and tripping hazard. Two abreast in corridors is a plenty.

For a long time now, keeping to the right when turning corners has been accepted as a very safe and desirable practice, yet every once in a while employees are noticed doing the very thing as shown above—cutting corners. Your nose may not be too pretty as is but it is still better than having it smeared all over your face.

We all get in a hurry at one time or another and try to save time by taking steps two at a time, thereby exposing ourselves to the possibility of tripping and breaking our neck. Did you ever stop to think that it takes more energy to take two steps at a time than one at a time. Take your time—you'll live longer.



Instead of breaking your own neck, here is a good way to break someone else's; just push an unguarded truck or buggy around a corner. Of course, there is one consolation, you will have a truck handy to take the deceased to the morgue.

The "daring" young man on the flying trapeze has nothing on the fellow who tries to do acrobatics on a ladder. Little do we realize just how hard the concrete floor is until we try to punch holes in it with our heads. Those floors are good for 100 lbs. per square foot.

We don't have a skating rink on the plant, but if you were to slip on oil or water on the floor, you would probably cut a pretty figure before you hit bottom. Leaky buckets have had their day, so throw them away. If oil you should drop, don't hesitate to grab a mop.

According to National Safety Council records, 88% of all industrial injuries are caused by unsafe practices on the part of the injured, 10% are caused by unsafe conditions, and 2% by "Acts of God." For our plant, we can substitute 2% for the 10% unsafe conditions and add the difference of 8% to the 88% for unsafe practices, making a total of 96% of all plant injuries resulting from unsafe practices.

A definition of an unsafe practice may be "the failure of the employee to perform his work according to accepted safety standards." The above pictures cite only a few of the unsafe practices for which any of us could be guilty, but yet any one of them could result in a serious or major injury. We must keep our eyes and minds open for the little everyday hazards and practices, which may cause the "big" trouble.

(These pictures were made possible through the cooperation of Carl Pratt, Bill Foddrill, Bill Turner, "Slick" Woods, Bill Lehman and Les Finney.)

Home Again

EX-T/5 CHARLIE DOUGHTON

From basic training at Camp Tyson, Tenn., Charlie went to Camp Edwards, Mass., where he trained for 13 months to be a radio operator in the Air Corps.

Assigned to the 231st Searchlight Battalion of the Ninth Air Force, he left the States in August, '44, for Scotland. From Scotland his group landed on Utah Beach and went into Belgium.

In Belgium, they put up beacons and operated command radio stations for relaying radar plots to headquarters.

Charlie's stay of three years and two months in the Army was terminated when he received his discharge on March 16, 1946.

EMERSON G. PASE EX-A.M.M. 3/c, CA

Jerry went to the Navy Pier in Chicago for schooling as aviation mechanic. The school there was changed, so he was sent to Norman, Okla., to complete his training. Following mechanic's school, Jerry had three weeks of radar training before going to Miami, Fla., for gunnery training.

Operational training as an air crewman in a torpedo bomber and then Jerry received his air-crew wings. After receiving his wings, he was a gunnery instructor until he was discharged on January 12, 1946, at Jacksonville, Fla.

EX-LT. JIM SHORT

Jim's basic training at Fort McClellan was followed with six months in Army Specialized Training at V. M. I. In March, '44, he joined the 378th Infantry Regiment as a mortar gunner. After mountain maneuvers in West Virginia, Jim's unit sailed for England in July.

They landed in France in September and went into action that month near Metz with the Third Army. Jim fought in battles for Metz, Saarlantern, Munchen, Gladbach, Dortmund, the Rhine Crossing and the Ruhr Pocket as machine gun squad section and platoon leader.

Jim was commissioned overseas and returned to the States in July, '45, for retraining for the Pacific Area. During the last five months in the Army, Jim wrote World War II history of the Eighth Infantry Regt. of the Fourth Division.

EX-PFC. CURTIS HARMON

Curtis Harmon spent his entire 40 months while in the Army Engineers within the limits of the United States. After "basic," he studied water purification at Fort Belvoir, and finance at Egin Field. He was transferred to the Aviation Cadet School at Miami for five months, then on to Gulfport to the Aviation Mechanic School. His specialized training in C-46 was obtained at the factory in Buffalo. His last assignment at Deming Field was as flight engineer on B-25's, which were used to tow targets for the training of fighter pilots.

Curtis' discharge was effective February 10, 1946, and he reported back to work on "A" Shift, P. & S.

HENRY MARSHALL, EX-F 1/c

Henry entered the Navy as a draftee in February, '45, and took his boot training at Great Lakes. His first assignment was to attend the Electrician Mate's School at Gulfport, Miss., where he learned all there was to know about ship-board wiring, maintenance of motors, and the theory of electricity. The rest of his naval experience was gained in the Maintenance Shops at the Newport Naval Training Station, R. I.

Discharged April 16, 1946, at Camp Shelton, Va., he is now back at work on "A" Shift, P. & S.

EX-LT. (jg) OGLE W. HESS

Sent on a loan basis by the Du Pont Company to the University of Chicago, Ogle was in charge of a research laboratory doing work on the atomic bomb. Then for a year, he did operational work on the bomb at the Oak Ridge, Tenn., plant.

In July, '44, Ogle enlisted in the Navy and spent the next two months in an indoctrination school. From here, he was assigned to the U. S. S. *Raleigh* (CL-7) for ten months, sent to gunnery school in Washington for eight weeks, and then six months of pre-commissioning training for the Cruiser *Huntington*.

Discharged March 28, 1946, Ogle is now foreman in the P. & S. Area.

CLIFTON DISHMAN, EX-S.M. 3/c

Clifton Dishman was called from his job in P. & S. to serve with the Navy, March 3, 1943. After very detailed instruction in the secret codes of communication, he was assigned to an oil tanker plying the Atlantic. For 14 months, Clifton sent and received messages on this tanker until he was transferred to a troop transport engaged in hauling troops from the States to Italy and the Mediterranean.

Signalman Dishman shifted his operations to the Island of Guam in the Pacific in September of '45, where for the next two months he was assigned to shore duty.

Back in the States in November, Clifton was discharged February 8, 1946.

BILL CURLEE, EX-S 2/c

From June 11, 1945, until the '45 baseball season was over, Bill played with the Bainbridge Commodores. Around the first of September, he became master of arms at the movie house on the post.

April 3, 1946, Bill received his discharge and reported back to work with the guards on May 1.



Home Again

JOHNNIE D. HOLLEY, EX-S 1/c

Johnnie was inducted January 5, 1945, and had his boot training at Bainbridge, Md. However, he was assigned to the Naval Fire Department at Bainbridge and was stationed there eight months.

After instructing in Fire Fighting at the Brooklyn Naval Yard, Johnnie was assigned to the U. S. S. *Saturn*, a refrigeration supply ship for the third fleet. At sea, they operated from Iceland to Cuba supplying battleships, submarines and destroyers.

Before the plans were changed, Johnnie was scheduled to participate in the Pacific Naval maneuvers.

April, '46, he returned to Pier No. 92, New York Harbor, for his discharge.

EX-LT. (jg) ROSS TABER

With the rank of ensign, Ross enlisted in November, '43, in the Naval Ordnance and Gunnery. After two months of indoctrinational training at Fort Schuyler, N. Y., and learning to call floors "decks" and walls "bulkheads," the next eight months were spent studying aviation ordnance and gunnery.

Ross joined Fighting Squadron 13 as squadron gunnery officer and in July, '45, they left the States for Pearl Harbor.

When the war ended, the squadron was decommissioned and Ross became operations officer on the admiral's staff on Ford Island.

In Ross' words, he discarded the salt and donned the civvies on April 9, 1946, and returned to the nylon plant April 10. However, Ross still holds his commission in the Naval Reserve.

CLYDE FENTRESS, EX-SP. (S) 1/c

Clyde enlisted in the U. S. Navy in October of 1942, and without basic training was assigned to the Shore Patrol in Newport News. His entire naval service of three years, two months was spent in the Norfolk District with the exception of the few times he was assigned the job of escorting prisoners.

Clyde's discharge was dated January 5, 1946, at Camp Shelton, and he is now working in the Records Section.

EX-CPL. SALEM HAIRSTON

After eight months of basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, Salem was sent to Luke Field, Ariz., in the supply unit of the Air Corps.

For the remaining twenty months that Salem was in the Air Corps, he was stationed at at Lajunta, Colo. Here he issued parts for planes and clothing until he was discharged at Fort George Meade on March 9, 1946.

EX-CPL. MARVIN McGHEE

Marvin's induction in November, 1942, was followed by several weeks training on maneuvers in Louisiana. On return, he was assigned as mechanic to the 334th Infantry, 84th Division, which was pulling out for Europe.

He landed at Omaha Beach in France —saw action in Holland and Germany. He was wounded by stepping on a mine, January 14, 1945, and returned aboard a hospital ship to the United States. Most of his convalescent period was spent at Moore General Hospital in Asheville, N. C.

Marvin was discharged in March, 1946.

EX-LT. (jg) RALPH T. SHERRY

April 4, 1944, Ralph received an ensign commission in the Naval Supply Corps and after four months at supply school at Harvard, he was made supply and disbursing officer on board the U. S. S. *Rolf* (DE-362).

From November 11, 1944, until December 15, 1945, Ralph's ship was operating in the Pacific with the Seventh Fleet on convoy and submarine duty.

On their return to the States, the ship was put in the inactive fleet and Ralph was given a terminal leave, which was completed on April 2, 1946.

ROY WRAY, EX-S 2/c

Induction day for Roy was June 6, 1945, and after boot camp at Bainbridge, Md., he was assigned to the Ship's Company as fireman.

Stationed at the base, Roy was supervisor of a row of stokers with a bunch of new rookies as firemen every week.

Roy was discharged from the Navy on April 17, 1946, and returned to work in P. & S. on April 25, 1946.

EX-CPL. PETER BOWMAN

Peter was inducted in February, '44, and after training in the Quartermaster's Corps at Camp Campbell, Ky., Camp Forest, Tenn., and Camp Rucker, Ala., he was sent to Camp Stoneman, a P. O. E. and left the States on November 15, 1944.

In New Guinea, Peter was attached to the 3716th Quartermaster's Trucking Company. The duty of this unit was to keep the troops supplied with food and ammunition. Some of the islands they were stationed on were Lenguyan Gulf, Luzon and Patangas. During their five months' stay in Japan, they hauled troops and cargo.



FIRST ANNUAL PICTURE CONTEST

Here's Your Chance to Test Your Skill

Since the first issue of THE BLENDER came off the presses, we have had many requests from employees that we sponsor a picture contest, for what appears to be a host of amateur photographers on the plant.

In this issue, we announce the first such contest and the rules which will govern. According to the rules, any employee may enter this contest, except those people who have sold a photograph or do photographic work for pay, which sure lets most of us in, so put a roll of film in your camera, or borrow a camera if you don't have one, and start shooting. Most any type picture you may take will fall in one of the five classes.

It'll be fun for everybody!

WHO MAY ENTER CONTEST

- A. Any employee of the Martinsville Plant excepting:
- (a) Professionals (any one who has sold a photo or does photographic work for pay).
 - (b) Members of THE BLENDER staff.
 - (c) The judges of this contest.

TYPES OF PHOTOGRAPHS AND CLASSES

- A. Any photo entered must have been taken by the entrant and between these dates—September, 1945, and September, 1946.
- B. Classes
- (a) Scenic (landscapes, seascapes), etc.
 - (b) Portrait (a pictorial representation of persons or animals, especially of the face). (This class will include baby photographs of a portrait nature.)
 - (c) Still life (that kind of subject matter consisting of inanimate objects such as vases, figurines, fruits, etc.).

- (d) Action shots (sports, birds or planes in flight, explosives, fire, smoke, etc.).
- (e) Candid shots.

REGULATION DATA

- (a) Any camera and/or type of black and white film may be used.
- (b) Only prints may be submitted.
- (c) Prints must be 5 x 7 and unmounted.
- (d) Printing and development may be done by entrant or others.
- (e) Photo must be taken within the last year.
- (f) Contest prints will be accepted any time, in any amount up to September 15.
- (g) Written permission to reprint person or persons appearing in contest print, unless that person or persons is an infant, in which case the parents' permission must be obtained. Such written permission must accompany print entry. (Permit blanks may be obtained from THE BLENDER office.)
- (h) Each print entry should include name of entrant, working area, shift, class in which entered, date taken and any other technical information about print itself.
- (i) Prints will be returned to owner but not until after contest winners have been announced.
- (j) No color prints will be accepted.
- (k) Prints will be judged as to subject matter, composition, appeal, quality, etc.
- (l) Judges' decisions will be final.
- (m) Winners will be announced in October issue of THE BLENDER.
- (n) Judges—W. K. Sinclair, J. Groet, J. L. Bell, George Spencer.
- (o) Address prints to: Editor, THE BLENDER.

AWARDS

First place winners in each class will be used as covers of future issues of THE BLENDER. Second place winners in each class will be used as back covers of future issues of THE BLENDER. Third place winners in each class will be published on the centerspread of a future issue of THE BLENDER.

Henry O. Martin - - 15 Years



The Henry O. Martins and Mickey

Henry, born in Nashville, Tenn., in March, 1900, attended the local grammar and high schools there.

His first job was in the machine shop of the Delco Plant in Dayton, Ohio. After various jobs at various places, Henry settled down and started working for Du Pont on Construction at the Old Hickory Plant in 1925. From a mechanic, he was promoted to assistant foreman and then transferred to the Maintenance Machine Shop on Operations.

After three and a half years, Henry went back to construction as foreman of the erection of spinning and casting machines, then to the Dye Works for six months, and from there to Richmond on construction as foreman.

In March, '41, Henry came to Martinsville as a machinist but when the plant began operating, he was transferred to the Power Standards Group where he is now working.

When Henry was working in Richmond, he lived at a boarding house and at this same house lived Lelia Mowbray from Charlottesville, Va. Lelia also worked for Du Pont as Inspectress at the Spruance Plant. She changed her last name to Martin in August, 1936.

Congratulations, Henry, on your service record!

Piroplasmosis Hominis - - Rhus Toxicodendron - - Ixodes

Have you considered that, though you may prefer the summer season, there are many things that may cause you discomfort that are coincident with this season? Instead of chilling, cold weather, the bright sunshine and its warmth will be the cause of blisters and heat exhaustion. This merely stresses the point that we must continually be adjusting ourselves to our environment and protecting our skin. With the blooming of spring comes the awakening of insect life and the subsequent bites of flies, mosquitoes, spiders, ticks and the possible encounter with snakes. The poisonous shrubs, ivy, oak and sumac will be the cause of suffering for those that are sensitive. Despite the pleasures of swimming there will be tragedies because some will ignore the hazards present. And many cases of "summer complaint" will occur because the simple rules of hygiene were not followed.

The skin will usually adjust to gradually increased exposures to direct sunlight so that blistering won't result, but there are some individuals that have to protect themselves against over-exposure always. It is very wise to have had several short periods in the sun's rays before going out for an extended time of an hour or more.

Most of us don't have to think about adjusting to the increasing heat of the summer season, but it again is wise to remember that sudden and severe adjustments are not always advisable for everyone. Excessive exertion with profuse sweating places much strain on the resources of the body. Rest is vital in keeping these resources up, and salt tablets help to prevent heat exhaustion. The pleasure of scratching an itching mosquito or similar insect bite may be the cause of localized infection or sometimes even more serious conditions. An insect bite should be treated with the same precautions as a scratch because of this possibility of infection. Sometimes the application of rubbing alcohol, aromatic spirits of ammonia, or calamine lotion will control the itching. Cold compresses of alcohol or ammonia usually relieve the original swelling following an insect bite. Tick bites involve the removal of the tick which should be done with forceps and the wound treated with tincture of iodine or one of the mercurial antiseptics, and the development of illness following the bite. Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and Tularemia are two of the diseases carried by ticks and both require medical attention as soon as discovered.

When you go dashing through the bushes, watch out for ixodes (ticks) which may cause piroplasmosis hominis (Rocky Mountain Spotted fever) and also rhus toxicodendron (poison ivy).

"SALT" ROLLS ON RUBBER

The transportation of salt solution had always been a job to be done by a specially built railroad tank car. With the advent of the recent coal strike and the consequent embargo on freight shipments, it became necessary for us here at Martinsville to hunt other means of transportation for that very necessary supply of solution, without which, as we all know, our plant could not operate. To find an answer to the problem, a few "heads" got together and decided tank trucks could be used, providing the "solution" was "treated" at Belle to prevent reaction with the ordinary truck tank, and provided a system was available to filter the "solution" before use.

"Congratulations and well done," goes to all hands for the excellent way in which this emergency job was done. The brunt of the planning and work fell on the following groups who came through in grand style: Maintenance Pipe Shop and P. & S. Maintenance, P. & S., Purchasing, Technical and Project Engineering.

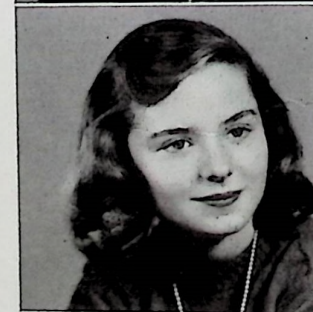
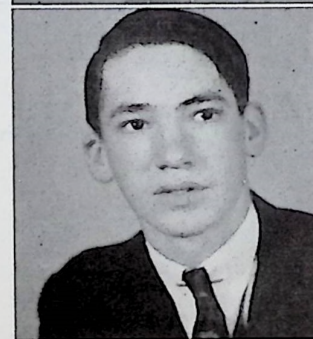
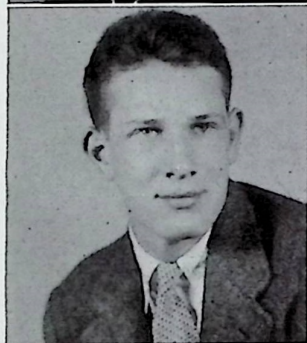
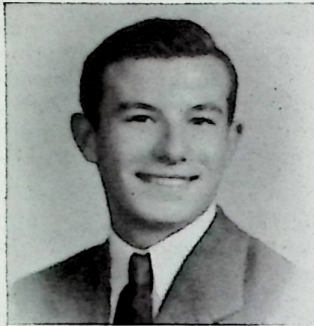
In plenty of time, the first truck arrived with 3,500 gallons of solution (see right) and the hauling schedule was started.

With the lifting of the freight embargo and the settlement of the coal strike, use of railroad tank cars was resumed.



Graduating Sons and Daughters of Employees

This year sees many sons and daughters of employees completing one phase of their life and preparing to enter another—a more serious phase. Some will continue their education, and some others will now assume responsibility for their own livelihood. Whatever course each may pursue, THE BLENDER extends its best wishes for good health and success in their chosen occupation.



Richard Knox Culbertson, son of Dick Culbertson, Shipping (Lynchburg H. S.).

Viola Prillaman, daughter of Vance Prillaman, Process Control (Martinsville H. S.).

Gloria Estelle Chaney, daughter of Margaret Chaney, Cafeteria (Martinsville H. S.).

Patsy Ruth Ashbrook, daughter of Mattie Myers, Accounting (Martinsville H. S.).

Christine Horsley, daughter of Arthur Horsley, P. & S. (Bassett H. S.).

Bill Craigue, son of Norm Craigue, Works Engineering (Martinsville H. S.).

Bill Huffaker, son of Bruce Huffaker, Accounting (Martinsville H. S.).

Eldred Hill, son of J. E. Hill, P. & S. (Martinsville H. S.).

Mary Alice McMillan, daughter of Bob McMillan, Shipping (Fiel-dale H. S.).

Eva Lois Richardson, daughter of Roy Richardson, P. & S. (Martinsville H. S.).

Warren Robertson, son of Gladys Robertson, Inspection (Martinsville H. S.).

Charlotte Westervelt, daughter of Ralph Westervelt, Production Control (Martinsville H. S.).

Gerald Wilson, son of John Wilson, Protection (Axton H. S.).

Bailey Henderson, son of Elsie Henderson, P. & S. (Martinsville H. S.).

Evelyn Henderson, daughter of Elsie Henderson, P. & S. (Martinsville H. S.).

Richard Garst, son of Kathryn Garst, Employment (Martinsville H. S.).

Philip W. Greek — 20 Years Co. Service

The third member in a family of four boys and one girl, Phil first made his appearance on March 28, 1907. A Nashvillian from the start, he attended the local grammar and high schools before going to Wallace University, also in Nashville.

Phil's career with Du Pont began at the Old Hickory Plant, December, '25—his first job being that of mail boy. While at Old Hickory, Phil worked as clerk in the Cashier's Office, clerk in the Textile Area, foreman in Textile Area for seven years, and back to clerking in Production Control for four years.

On March 1, 1939, Phil was transferred to the Nylon Division and sent to Seaford, Del., as Essential Materials Clerk. He was here until September 1, 1941, and at



Philip W. Greek and Family

that time was transferred to the Martinsville Plant as Head Plant Clerk.

From Head Plant Clerk in the Records Section, Phil was made Head Clerk of Order and Invoice and Records. He was transferred to the Service Section where he became Supervisor of Stores and in January of this year, Phil came back to the Accounting Section as Chief Timekeeper.

While in Seaford, Phil became acquainted with Helen Bryant, a forelady in Inspection. She, too, was transferred to the Martinsville Plant, and on June 30, 1942, Helen became Mrs. P. W.

Greek. They have one son, Philip Allen Greek.

Congratulations, Phil on your score of years service and the privilege of that extra week's vacation!

A Decade of Co. Service for McGhee and Grant

Now a Virginia gentleman but a former "Kentucky Colonel," Sylvester McGhee was born April 17, 1907, in Montgomery County. Raised on a farm, he attended grammar and high school at Elmo, Ky., a little town near Pembroke.

Before coming with Du Pont, Syl worked for a couple of years with the United States Rubber Company in Detroit, Mich., making tires, until he decided to come back east in 1936.

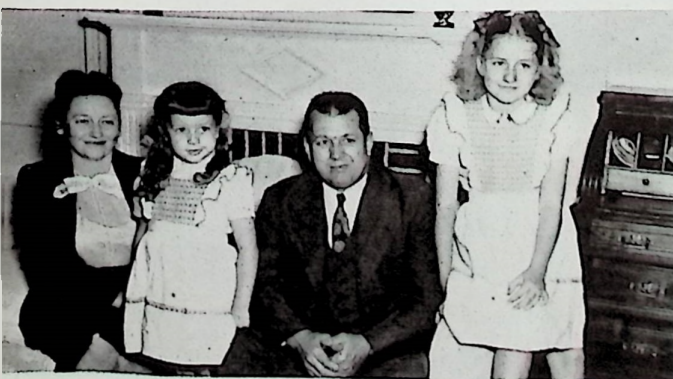
In May, 1936, Syl began working for the Du Pont Company at the Richmond Plant. Here he was an electrician with the Construction group until he was transferred to Seaford Construction in May, '39. After twenty-six months at Seaford, he came to Martinsville on Operations. Syl is now working with the Electrical Heating and Air-Conditioning Group.

Mrs. McGhee, nee Nellie M. O'Neal, was a home-town gal and had known Syl since her "pig-tail" days. They were married on April 17, 1935, and now have two daughters, Lucy Ann, aged 9, and Jean O'Neal, age 8.

Congratulations from THE BLENDER on your ten years of service, Syl!



The McGhee Family



The Grant Family

Third from the top in a family of twelve, Clark Grant was born January 21, 1906, in Hamilton County, Tenn. After grammar school at Mowbray and Soddy High School near Chattanooga, Clark graduated from Milligan College where he received his B. S. degree.

While coaching at the Lincoln High School in Huntsville, Ala., Clark met Virginia S. Moseley, from Hazel Green, Ala., who was also teaching at the same school. Virginia and Clark were married in May, 1934, and they now have two daughters, Lucy Lee, age 10, and Virginia, better known as Baby Sister, age 5.

Clark began working for the Du Pont Company as an operator in Plant No. 1 Spinning at Old Hickory on May 18, 1936. Two years later, he was made foreman of a miscellaneous group in that area. In the spring of '41, Clark was transferred to the Nylon Division and sent to Seaford for training for the Martinsville Plant. He came to Martinsville after his six months of training as polymer foreman and the first of May, this year, he became Supervisor of "C" Shift, Polymer and Spinning.

THE BLENDER extends congratulations to Clark on his 10 years' service!

COMPLETE FIVE YEARS COMPANY SERVICE



PAT HOLLAND, 6-1-41	THURMAN PAINTER, 6-10-41	JOE DOVE, 5-21-41	HENRY MARSHALL, 6-14-41	TARLETON ANDES, 6-2-41
LOU KOTTMANN, 6-6-41	JAMES KALLAM, 5-28-41	WILBERT EVANS, 6-9-41	JOHN O'NEAL, 6- 5-41	BILL WOOD, 6-2-41
HARVEY COMPTON, 6-13-41	ERNIE ALCORN, 6-5-41	CHARLIE MURRAY, 6-13-41	CURTIS UNDERWOOD, 6- 3-41	BILL GUTHRIE, 6-9-41
DAVE CUNNINGHAM, 6-13-41	HAROLD O'NEILL, 6-12-41	BOB AUTON, 6-7-41	REEFORD KITTS, 5-21-41	HARRY MCGHEE, 6-10-41
MURRAY CASSELL, 6-12-41	JIM MURPHY, 6-1-41	CALVIN MARTIN, 5-28-41	BRANTON MARTIN, 6-12-14	

THINGS

POLYMER AND SPINNING

"A" SHIFT

Jack Stultz is expecting cigars this time instead of passing them out.

We are glad to have Wade Lawrence, Whitten Gregory and Curtis Harmon back with us on "A" Shift after being in service for quite a few months.

"Slick" Woods has been having good luck fishing lately—he has caught a great many goldfish.

After seeing the photo of Ogle Hess and his new baby, we can understand why he smiles.

By Worth Martin

"B" SHIFT

Anyone in need of used car parts, see John Gauldin. He has a few parts left over after a slight wreck.

Phil Osborne's latest hobby is building picket fences and painting.

Al Baldwin has nicknamed James Hobson, James Gilbert and James Murphy, "the three James boys."

Congratulations to Lewis Brown on winning the recent safety contest.

We regret losing Buck Shields to Day Crew. Good luck, Buck, on your new job!

Ditto to Ned Rorer, who is now in the Pump Repair Room. We also welcome Jim Taylor, a recent transfer from "D" Shift.

By Jack Witherow

"C" SHIFT

Fred Bryant is out for some time due to an operation. Hurry back, Fred.

Mack Grindstaff's plans for a good vacation were spoiled when he caught the mumps a couple of days later.

We want to welcome "Lank" Turner, "Preacher" McGee and Roy Wray to our shift. They have just returned from the service.

Ben Gardner is working "pretty hard" on the second floor trying to reduce.

Jack Franklin, formerly of the guard force, is now on our shift. Welcome!

Akers Lawson is building a new home, and if he can keep the carpenters long enough, he will be moving in soon. How about a little fire insurance, Mister? (Paid Adv.)

By Ben Gardner

"D" SHIFT

We welcome to "D" Shift. Mort Robertson, Howard Robertson, Clarence Robertson, Cliff Dishman and Coy King.

Bruce Turner and Jim Rutledge were recently transferred to Maintenance. Good luck on your new assignments, boys.

Jim Davis says the way he works out a color scheme, it is simple. Everything red.

Ken Stanhagen and Yours Truly are in the market for a goat. No lawn mower—and does the grass grow this kind of weather?

We recently learned that Roy Brigman is a

Our Cover

LIGHT IN DARKNESS—The photo on this month's cover was taken by Wes Sinclair a few years ago when he was stationed at Old Hickory. Such a picture is an outstanding example of "what to shoot for" if the reader is interested in the Picture Contest outlined on Page 6.

Our thanks to Wes for the use of his print and our best wishes for good luck to those employees who enter the contest.

real bookworm. He reads several books a week. Where do you find so much time, Roy?

Mike Steele says he wished the comic strip, "Out Our Way," was an established fact instead of only make believe. Especially the part where the hair restorer was found.

Reeford Kitts, while on vacation, was all "hitched up." We understand his better half is coming to work with him. Checking already, huh?

By Les Young

DAY CREW AND DAY RELIEF

We welcome Charlie Martin back after a few days illness.

We also welcome Aubrey Patterson, Buck Shields and Carl Ramsey to the Crew.

Ernie Moore is so safety-minded, he's wearing a hair net.

Naomi must be very happy these days—she smiles all the time.

By Betty Inman

TEXTILE

"A" SHIFT

Good news for Myrtle Davis—her husband has landed in the States.

We are glad to have Maggie Toler back with us after a tonsillectomy. Also, Marie Smith, who has been out sick. We hope Roberta will be back soon.

Kathleen Tate is expecting her husband home in July.

There is a rumor that wedding bells will be ringing for Mary Ingram.

We welcome the following boys to "A" Shift: Morton Wyatt, Harry Gilbert, Posey Nolen, Basil Setliff, Clarence Wagoner, Jessie Ferguson, Forest Crouch, James Joyce, James Pinkard, Neal Murphy, Irvin Stone and Donald Marshall.

By Gracie Odell

ABOUT

"B" SHIFT

THINGS OBSERVED ON "B" SHIFT:

Pricie Ramsey and Quincy Wagoner getting their picture made at the waste table.

The Wingfield twins looking forward to their triplet sisters' graduation.

Georgia Jefferson expecting her boy friend home while she is on her vacation.

Elizabeth Wyatt planning a Florida vacation.

Monroe Sloan looking tired.

Minnie Mims changing her name to Martin.

New girls on our shift: Maggie Martin, Marge Smith and Maxine Mason.

"B" Shift extends their deepest sympathy to June Ingram on the death of her mother.

By Evelyn Bocock

"C" SHIFT

We welcome to "C" Shift our new girls: Rachel Young, Dellie Joyce, Josie Lawson and Dorothy Bowman.

The bells are ringing! Congratulations to our new brides, Hilda Tucker and Alice Hall. Una Sawyers is next on the list.

The general conversation in the office is Joe Lene and Ann's long week-end to Norfolk and "them good-looking sailor boys." Stuff like that you got to watch, gals.

If you see a pink ticket sticking on an improperly parked buggy, think nothing of it! Doris Joyce has her mind on a local cop.

Kathleen Harris thinks boy friends are wonderful but twins are better.

By Doris Joyce

"D" SHIFT

We wish to welcome the following new girls to our shift: Nan Spangler, Vickie Hall, Bea Whitlow and also three more girls that are in machine training—Myra Underwood, Ruby Rodgers and Annie Mae Eanes.

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We're very sorry to hear that Anna Rutledge is back in the hospital right after a recent appendectomy.

Congratulations are in order for Joe Eubanks, who recently changed her name to Mrs. Jack Blackburn.

Girls, have you noticed the twinkle in Shirley Cox's eye recently? She is flashing a beautiful diamond! Also Nancy Smith. When are the wedding bells, girls?

We hear there's going to be wedding bells for Louise Newman's soon. She's wearing a beautiful diamond.

We wonder why Elizabeth Isley and Evelyn Norman got stuck near Kohler, Va., and had to get a wreck truck to pull them out.

Since John Exley has soloed the cows down toward Ridgeway all run to the barn when they hear an airplane go over.

By Mildred Evans

DAY MISCELLANEOUS

We welcome Cassie Allen and Edna Stultz to our area.

Will someone please find a boy friend for Lucy Dandridge? She had one but it did not last. All of us girls are trying to help patch things up again.

Kathleen Grogan reported having a wonderful time in New York. She must, because we thought she was never coming back to work.

Nadine Schwarch has caught a new fellow. All we hear these days is "Grover."

If anyone finds a red blouse, please let Reva White know at once, because she is about to go crazy looking for one. By Codell Wade

DAY RELIEF

Irene Bowling says that new Ford made a trip all the way to Tennessee and back again!

Lovelene Frith wonders if she could go to sleep before midnight! (Try it sometime.)

Kay Gunter's vacation is going to be different this year. Could it be she will become a Mrs.?

Eunice McCubbins says she plans to devote all her time to housekeeping and husband.

By Polly Yates

DAY CREW

Welcome back to Textile and Day Crew, two old-timers, Annie Nelson and Florence Shelton.

On May 11, Bessie Tiller became Mrs. Belvie Hawkins. Here's wishing you both success and happiness.

When Alice Nolan comes to the point that she doesn't have anything to say, there is something seriously wrong.

The housing situation is really striking in Day Crew. Frances Hensley gets a notice one week to move—the next week she is told that she can stay another week. Frances Parsons is having a time trying to housekeep in a one-room apartment. Gladys Shelor's house rent goes up from forty dollars a month to sixty.

Marleen Matthews can't wait until her boy friend gets that new car.

By Sarah Hazelwood

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YOU

INSPECTION AND SHIPPING

"Deacon" Prillaman should know by now that it takes a roll and a weiner to make a tasty hotdog and not a roll and his finger—results, an N. W. I.

In the last edition of THE BLENDER, we mentioned that Bob McMillan purchased a mule to help him in his garden. We were sorry to hear that the mule passed away recently, and now Bob is without an assistant.

We welcome Christine Wray, Doris Woodall and David Stultz to our area.

"Pro" Davis is really going in for golf in a big way. He purchased a new set of clubs and a dog, which he's training to be "out-o, -bounds" ball retriever.

One passenger wanted! Preferably a lady—to ride on rumble seat. Contact Curtis Fain in Shipping if interested.

George Smith is all smiles now that he "ditched" his only man passenger and has all women!

Mrs. Mason suggested and approved that Paul park the "Chevy" and ride the bus. She got uneasy about six gals and one man in a "Chevy."

By Louise Robertson
John Pankovich

METHODS AND STANDARDS

Harvey Pressley has found that competition is a little keener than expected this year in the tennis tournament.

John Kirk and Dick Heller are trying to get a corner on the strawberry market. Aren't doing bad either!

Kemp Langhorne has a nice start on his summer tan now that Fairystone is open.

By Sara Hardesty

AND

PRODUCTION CONTROL

When questioned by Assassinated Press to comment on their 21st birthday:

W. W. C.—"That about doubles mine."

H. H. D.—"You can quote me. 'That's life'."

B. H. H.—"I can't remember."

This news item would be a good one for Ripley, as the above three persons have a birthday within two days of each other, and they are all co-workers.

Do hope Ann Prillaman had a lovely vacation basking in the Florida sun. How we envy you,

By Marge Cooke

POWER

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Helms on the arrival of a new daughter.

"Duck" Henderson has relieved Irvin Locke of his Power House K. P. duties, and appears to be doing a fine job. Don't let your wife hear about it, "Duck."

Bill Guthrie has been proclaimed winner of the Power Area Golf Tournament. Congratulations, Bill, now go to work on 'em in the Plant Tournament.

Vieva Snead has just returned from her vacation and brought along a new hand mirror. We understand she gave her old one to a group of boys in the Power House.

Jim Bell's reward for organizing the Power Area Golf Tournament—the ole flash bulbs used to take the pictures of the winners.

By Guy Williams

POWER SERVICE

Frank Ryan is still combing the sand out of his hair from that recent vacation in Jersey.

As a reward for their husbands' safe working practices, the wives of Bill Russell's electricians

Wanted, Competition

A team made up of Power employees would like to challenge a team from some other area or group to a golf match; time, place and basis to be decided upon. If there are any takers of this challenge, please contact the Welfare and Recreation Supervisor, Harry L. Daughtry, Phone 347.

are collecting six raincoats and three card tables. Maybe these boys should have been diplomats rather than electricians.

Jack Holland recently lost a golf match in the Power Area Golf Tournament consolation round. Now Jack is wondering what comes after the consolation tourney.

Joe Dove recently returned from a vacation looking very pale and wan. He wasn't sick, it was just that a two weeks growth of beard kept his face from getting sunburned.

The recent rainy season solved one of Joe Davis' major problems. He now figures that his mint bed will be ready for use about the same time as his new house.

By Harold Justice

MAINTENANCE

SHOPS

We welcome Hugh and Harry Dandridge to the Pipe Shop and B. A. Turner and J. C. Wigginton to Lubrication.

The boys are looking forward to having Johnnie Cooper back after a long illness.

YOUR

Jim Carter has moved into his new house on Maintenance Row, where he is holding "open house," at least until he can get the doors hung.

L. H. Sutton is trying to develop a new brand of all-weather chickens; however, those hardy enough to survive the training course will probably be too tough to eat.

C. R. Taylor is open for new offers, now that his Jaycee Presidency has expired.

To an already long and colorful series of experiences, Andy Anderson has added that of nursing, single-handed, a house full of mumps.

By Hamp Dyches

P. & S. MAINTENANCE

Anxiety over Murray "Slim" Cassell's weight gaining on shift work has led him into a "reducing" straight day assignment.

Employee Suggestions Adopted

May, 1946

POLYMER AND SPINNING

Roy P. Delancey

PROCESS CONTROL

Jamie M. Martin

INSPECTION AND SHIPPING

George Shough
George M. Smith
Joseph C. Petty (2)
Paul J. Mason

SERVICE

R. H. Scott
John L. Wilson

POWER AREA

J. P. Harrison

MAINTENANCE

Justian A. Kelly

We wish to welcome into P. & S., J. W. Stillwell, assistant P. & S. foreman, Roy Hodnett to the Pump Repair Shop and Charlie DeShazo to P. & S. Maintenance.

Don't know what kind of a fish tale Bob Farris will have when he returns from a vacation in Tennessee, but there's no doubt it will be a whopper!

A. W. Faunce is assisting in P. & S. Maintenance during the absence of Bob Farris.

Another straight day worker is H. D. Pace. He couldn't have left shift work for the same reason as M. Cassell—or could he?

By H. D. Pace

TEXTILE MAINTENANCE

John Koger will have to go over his new Ford and file off all the rough edges, since Bob Koger received an injury on one of the doors. . . Noel Wood picked the last day of his vacation to take the mumps. . . "Ham" Burgess won the consolation prize in the Power Golf Tournament. . . Marvin Rankin received a bowling medal. . . Ken Mizell is getting straightened out after the smoke damage to his new home. . . George Evans' spirits seem to be better since he has gone into the home manufacturing business.

Jimmie Kallam is going to have to get rid of his cow since his house is to be incorporated into the town of Leaksville.

By Henry Duncan

LABORERS

Our friend, Russell Wingfield, once said that there was but one good truck on the plant, which happens to be the one he drives regularly. But since he drove another one to West Virginia, he doesn't know which one is the best.

We don't seem to hear much about baseball

FRIENDS

since William Gravely and William Patterson went to Rocky Mount a few weeks ago. Either Rocky Mount was too good or "The Bullets" were too hot, one or the other.

Since James Hester is planning to get married to a beautiful little girl, it thrills him so that we can't do anything with him any more around the Garage.

James King made so much money last year hauling passengers, he made the last payment two months ahead of time on his car.

John Dillard has finally started talking, after being with us almost four years.

By James King
James Hester

PROJECT ENGINEERING

Congratulations to Adrian Disney and his missus on the new addition to their family. Not everyone is fortunate enough to get them already "house broken." Surely one like that should warrant two (2) cigars instead of the customary (?) one (1).

Waller is the only one to choose the ice crusher as his Safety Award. Paul is now wondering just what he is going to use it for. Nice cool drink for the summer, huh, Waller?

Martin and Bullington are rapidly becoming authorities on cracks—wall cracks and "wise" cracks.

Paul Schuh seems to have a weakness for going to the movies, especially if he has that certain blonde along.

Looks as if the "incidental" expenses are going to be greater than the actual cost of Kuykendall's house plans.

By Lucille Hodges

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PICKS A WINNER

For quite some time now, THE BLENDER has been running a column in which various employees are asked questions and their answer printed in THE BLENDER along with an accompanying photo. Also, for the past two months, entry blank forms were circulated among all employees in an effort to get a good name for this column. At last we announce the winner of the contest. From this issue hence, the column will be known as Quiz Quotes, the winning name submitted by Roy Brigman of the P. & S. Group, "D" Shift.

THE BLENDER expresses sincere appreciation to those employees who participated in the contest.

FOR VACATION — DO YOU PREFER THE MOUNTAINS OR THE SEASHORE?



ELOISE HARRIS, Ins.—Seashore for me, where you get a nice suntan. Can have more fun and meet lots of people. Also, I like the amusements. I have never been to the mountains, but the seashore is good enough for me.



ERNIE ALCORN, Maint.—I like to stay at home in my workshop, making all sorts of things like cabinets, chairs, etc. This is O. K. with Mrs. Alcorn because she is the one who wants the work done. If we do leave home, we usually visit our relatives down in North Carolina.



RUBY SMITH, Pirn Prep.—To the mountains. I like fresh water better than salt water for swimming. I like the mountain scenery. The seashore is too hot all the time and it's too hard to walk in the sand. Horseback riding along mountain trails with a tall, dark and handsome man is the life, and I have him all picked out.



GEORGE SHOUGH, Shipping—To the mountains. I like fresh water better than salt water for swimming and fishing. There is more scenic beauty and fresh air in the mountains, then again, I practically live in the mountains anyhow.



BOB MITCHELL, Power—It's the seashore for me where I can take a lot of pictures of the landscape, and maybe a few bathing beauties. I like the salt-water swimming and the lying around in the sun. I don't go too much for all the amusements but when I do get the urge to play, there they are—right at hand. Yep, it's the seashore for me.



HARVEY COMPTON, Power—I'll take the seashore mostly because I have just spent some time in the U. S. Navy and the salt water got in my blood a little, I guess. Mrs. Compton and I both like deep-water fishing, which, by the way, is the only sport I care much about. My family likes to loll around in the sun on the beach.



MARIE POWELL, Insp.—Seashore around Norfolk. I like swimming and dancing and the fact that there are lots of boys around, so I have more fun. It is easier to meet people at the beach. The mountains are too quiet for me.



FRED GILLEY, P. & S.—Neither. I like my vacation during hunting season, so I can go bird hunting with my dog, "Mac." I don't always get my way though, because the family likes to go to the beach. However, I get around this sometimes by taking them to the beach on my long week-ends.



PETE PETIE, Process Control—I like to travel while on vacation—like to go to new places—meet new people. Of course, my family likes to travel, too. We usually go to a large city because we like the hustle and bustle. Sometimes we visit our friends.

PROCESS CONTROL

Congratulations to Otto and Mrs. Lutness on the birth of a son.

Mary Lib Floyd is all smiles over the recent addition on her third finger left hand.

Ada Cox takes quite a few trips to Danville these days. Could her only interest be shopping?

Weddings! Weddings! 'Tis all you hear in P. T. L. these days:

April 21—Becky Gunn to Stan Harris

June 1—Ethel Clement to Sam Minter

June 8—Ina Woodall to Davis Walker

June 23d—Mae Webster to Buddy Bryant

We are glad to know that John Prillaman's "little boy," Richard, is getting along fine after his emergency appendectomy at V. M. I.

Pearl White Martin is again in the pink, so she writes, after her recent tonsillectomy.

(Looks like there is a lot of "cutting up" in the Standard Practice Group.)

Katherine Wright is called "Little Red Riding Hood," because people in Textile say, "Oh, what great, big eyes you have." Her answer: "The better to see those threadlines."

George Ainsley is almost ready to pass around the proverbial cigars—candy is dandy for the girls, George. By Lorene Morris

Ina Woodall

Dot Hensley

PROCESS DEVELOPMENT

We nominate Paul Cooper as the No. 1 slave driver. He had Ray Lowe out to his new home Sunday planting tomato slips all afternoon. Paul got a good sunburn—super-vising!

Bill Wood stays quite busy on Sunday afternoons trying to attend the community sings

Amended Plan

The Du Pont Company has announced a change in the vacation plan, whereby all employees who have 15 or more years service as of January 1, will receive an additional week's vacation each year at full pay.

A two-week holiday with pay has been a feature of the Du Pont employee plans for many years. The new program will extend this to three weeks, beginning the year the employee reaches his 15th anniversary with the firm, and continuing each year thereafter. This modification of the vacation plan is made in accordance with the company's traditional policy of liberalizing its industrial relations practices whenever practicable.

The provisions of the amended vacation plan are retroactive to January 1, 1946, and employees whose 15-year service date is attained at any time during the year are eligible for the additional vacation this year. Those qualifying who already have taken their 1946 vacation will receive an extra week.

NELLIE: "May I have a cigarette 'til I can get some?"

Emmie, breezing through singing "Moonlight and Pine Trees," stops and says, "No, I'm not crazy."

Who gets these and where do they go?—"To Employment," says Vann.

she reports a wonderful time—and we do envy that golden suntan.

Anchors aweigh, my boy! A hearty welcome to Bill Brabson, just released from the Navy. He is finding that civilians have a few worries, too. (Does anyone know of an apartment?)

By Ruth Wilson

PROTECTION

Jim Piller recently purchased a wonderful plot of ground near Axton. Jim reports that the watermelons and cantaloupes are doing good. We are waiting for an invitation, Jim.

Spencer Reynolds is trying to get Jack Franklin to contribute to "unknown soldier's children."

By "The Sergeants"

CAFETERIA "CHOW CHATTER"

How Virginia Harris rates a real goose egg as a farewell gift from Maggie Davis?

How Talmadge Thornton can play with the "Mermaids" all Thursday afternoon?

How Annie Hairfield can make such delicious chocolate Boston Cream pie MINUS vanilla?

Why "I.-O.-U.-One-Cent" Harry Beach pays 40c for a 39c lunch?

How Dr. Edison can check nylon hose "dye-take" with those worn by Alice Tudor?

How Audria Doss lost those ten pounds?

Whether or not Jackie Bryant was married, corse and all, on May 12?

How Peg White can stay so young and glamorous looking?

How Virginia Hairston can come to work at 4:30 on 4 to 12?

How Sue Pierce can make those delicious biscuits?

YOU

and helping to nurse his three children.

Poor Jake was marooned at Belle for several days when he went there on a business trip—missed a good week-end for golf, too.

By Margaret Russell

MEDICAL

It's a boy this time in the Medical Section, and Geneva Hodges is the proud mama. Congratulations from us all!

Grethel Miller has discovered that Leggett's in Danville has one more interesting item than Leggett's here, and has been helping keep the road warm lately from here to there.

By Marge Jacobs

PERSONNEL

They've done it again! Meaning, of course, the Johnsons' announcement of the arrival of another girl. Karen Hill made her appearance on May 12, 1946, with birth weight of eight pounds, six ounces.

New talent was discovered at the Personnel picnic. Harry Beach, Harry Daughtry, Gladys Lentz and Margaret Baughn made up a good quartet. However, Sue Daughtry stole the show by adding her youthful, bell-like voice.

Frances and Hamp were late and almost didn't get fed. They should know better, particularly when there is fried chicken.

By Jean Critz

ACCOUNTING

Mascot of Time Office, "Speak No Evil," sits on the desk and takes in all the conversations that go on. A glimpse in his diary reveals something like this:

MILLIE: "Now what does that mean? I don't get it."

SHOULD

Phone rings—Helen Dickerson answers—pause—"Time Office, . . . huh . . . uhuh . . . that's right . . . you're welcome . . . 'bye.'"

Record Section welcomes to its fold, Marie Watkins from Physical Test Lab, Ruth Gunter from Methods and Standards, Katherine Draper and Clyde Fentress.

Cupid's score this month:

Frances H. Stanley—married June 8

Gaynelle Leftwich—married June 8

Eliza Lester—married June 15

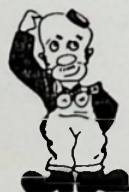
Katherine Hensley—resigned to join husband in Germany

Best wishes to all of you and may Cupid's arrow remain untarnished.

By Ruth Stultz

PURCHASING

If you want to know the weather forecast for next year, just ask Imogene Davis when she is taking her vacation. It always rains, but



**Safety
Suggestions
Adopted**

May, 1946

INSPECTION
AND SHIPPING
Harry L. Prillaman

MAINTENANCE
Durham O. Newman

POWER AREA
I. J. Locke
J. B. Longsworth

KNOW

How Frances Wells learned to ride horse-back?

We are happy to welcome Marion Robertson and Annie Mae Joyce to our group.

By Ruth Yearout

STORES

DID YOU KNOW . . .

Elizabeth Smith, formerly of Purchasing Office, is a welcome addition to Stores.

Juanita Custer has been on the sick list for the past month, and from our last report is well on the road to recovery?

Bill Lovell has been reported trying to buy a "Quonsett Hut" to beat the housing shortage?

Harvey Beauchamp has been vacationing on the Eastern Shore?

Howard Turner finally lost at poker and also his coveted title of "The Shark of Stores"?

Buck Lambeth is trying to fight his increasing waistline by participating in the plant "Horseshoe League"?

Cabel Pratt will soon take up residence on Oak Grove Avenue, as his new home is well on the way to completion?

Lewis Hanes is being scouted by the Carolina Baseball League?

The wedding bells still ring in Stores and to prove that fact we announce the marriage of Kay Chitwood to Emile E. Drake, CAMM, U. S. Navy, on May 13, 1946, in Roanoke, Va.?

By Ernestine Stultz

JANITORS

We are glad to welcome Peter H. Bowman back from the service.

Willie Seales is still looking for players for his special baseball team. (The Horsepasture Giants!)

Bowling Medals Awarded Season Winners



Girls' Shift League

In recognition of their fine bowling records, the above photo shows members of "B" Shift Bowling Team receiving their medals. Left to right, first row: Elva Stultz, Evelyn Bocoock, Ilene Harmon, Mae Martin. Second row: Madie Wingfield, Doris Doss, Margaret Bullington, Marie Wingfield. Al Connelly makes the presentation. Not shown: Elizabeth Wyatt, Georgina Jefferson and Eva Rorrer.



Girls' Plant League

Harry Daughtry presents medals to Bessie Tiller Hawkins, captain. Members of the team, left to right, front row: Irene Bowling, Frances Hensley, Jewell Jones, Sallie Jones. Second row: Thelma Leake, Lucy Dandridge and Elsie Murphy.



Men's Shift League

George Port, right, presents bowling medals to members of the "C" Shift team in token of their winning in the Men's Shift Bowling League. Left to right: J. E. Hill, Jim Murphy, Jim Vaden, John Hubbard, Perry Brown, Dennis Walker, Bob Munchemeyer, Jo Reynolds, Howard Wilson.



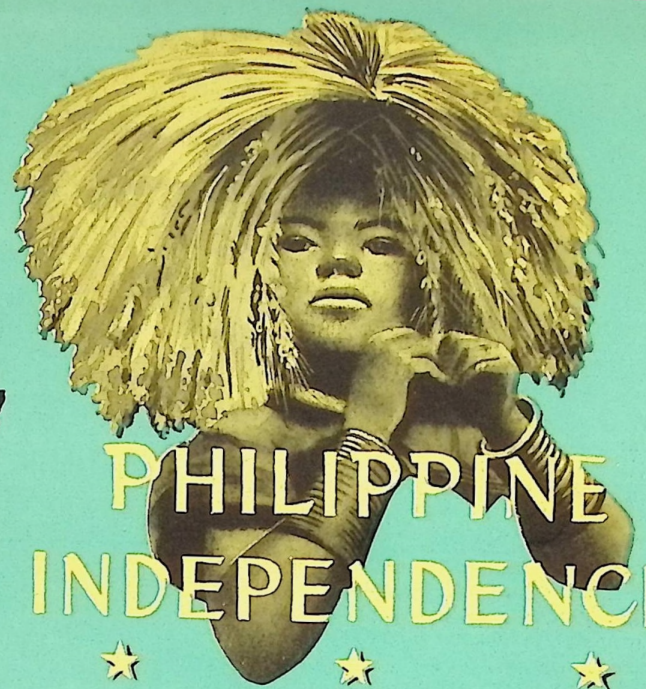
Men's Plant League

Harry Daughtry again presents bowling medals. This time to members of the Maintenance Supervision team, who were winners of the Men's Plant League. Left to right: Harry Daughtry, Allen Kalbaugh, "Luke" Slovic, Charlie Steele, Norm Craigie, Elmo Dawson, Bill Thompson, Jim Potter, Arlie Faunce.

For Good Health - Play Some Kind of Sport



The Blender



PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE

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JULY 4, 1946



WHAT'S A FLAG?

WHAT'S A FLAG? What's the love of country for which it stands? Maybe it begins with love of the land itself. It is the fog rolling in with the tide at Eastport, or through the Golden Gate and among the towers of the Green, throwing a shining glory on Lake Champlain and above the Adirondacks. It is the storied Mississippi rolling swift and muddy past St. Louis, rolling past Cairo, pouring down past the levees of New Orleans. It is lazy noontide in the pines of Carolina, it is a sea of wheat rippling in Western Kansas, it is the San Francisco peaks far north across the glowing nakedness of Arizona, it is the Grand Canyon and a little stream coming down out of a New England ridge in which are trout.

It is the small things remembered, the little corners of the land, the houses, the people that each one loves. We love our country because there was a little tree on a hill, and grass thereon, and a sweet valley below; because the hurdy-gurdy man came along a sunny morning in a city street; because a beach or a farm or a lane or a house that might not seem much to others were once, for each of us, made magic. It is voices that are remembered only, no longer heard. It is parents, friends, the lazy chat of street and store and office, and the ease of mind that makes life tranquil. It is summer and winter, rain and

sun and storm. These are flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone, blood of our blood, a lasting part of what we are, each of us and all of us together.

It is the stories told. It is the Pilgrims dying in their first dreadful winter. It is the minuteman standing his ground at Concord Bridge, and dying there. It is the army in rags, sick, freezing, starving at Valley Forge. It is the wagons and the men on foot going westward over Cumberland Gap, floating down the great rivers, rolling over the great plains. It is the settler hacking fiercely at the primeval forest on his new, his own lands. It is Thoreau at Walden Pond, Lincoln at Cooper Union, and Lee riding home from Appomattox. It is corruption and disgrace, answered always by men who let their flag lie in the dust, who have stood up in every generation to fight for the old ideals and the old rights, at risk of ruin or of life itself.

It is a great multitude of people on pilgrim's age, common and ordinary people, charged with the usual human failings, yet filled with such a hope as never caught the imaginations and the hearts of any nation on earth before. The hope of liberty. The hope of justice. The hope of a land in which a man can stand straight, without fear, without rancor.



"HAD I THE FOOD YOU WASTE--"

Very definitely simple things can be most effective. The other day I saw a cartoon by the famous D. R. Fitzpatrick, of the St. Louis *Post-Despatch*, and it impressed on me more forcibly than anything else has the famine which so much of the world is suffering. It faced me, too, with the realization that I have done nothing to help remedy the situation . . . and I must.

The cartoon showed just a small, starved child gazing at a heaped-up plate of food, with the caption, "Had I the food you waste . . ." Starving Europe and America's plenty. But America, as it happens, is us—you and me—and it is the food that we waste that will save these people. Even in countries where there is not actual famine, rations are so short that the average American would be astounded if asked to live on them.

But how can I—just one person—do anything about it? I looked back over the last few days and realized that I had probably thrown away enough good food to feed at least one child well. There were those crusts of bread I tossed out because they would mold, that good serving of fruit I threw away because I had served one person too generously, that stew I discarded because I thought no one would want it heated over and the cookies I forgot to serve until they got hard.

I know housewives have been asked to do many things during the war years they disliked doing, but here is one more job for them. They are going to have to teach their families not to expect too-generous servings. No one in this country is being asked to go hungry, but there are actually not many families but could learn to eat less—or shall we say more carefully. When father or mother, as the case may be, serves the plates, he can make the

servings ample but perhaps not as generous as in prewar days. If the one serving of spinach (ha ha) does not satisfy Junior, he can come back for seconds.

In the Decatur Day Nursery, where dozens of small fry are well fed on a small amount of money, the children are tactfully, but firmly, taught to eat everything served them. "I don't like carrots," is no excuse for leaving them uneaten. "We eat everything here," is the answer he gets. He soon eats them—and quite often, against his will, finds himself liking them, when he sees the "bottoms up" ceremony at the end of the meal. It is then, everyone having eaten with relish all the food on his plate, that they hold them up to a jolly "bottoms up" chorus.

Such a ceremony probably would not go over so successfully in the average private home. About the time little Rollo got over-eager and started the game before he had quite finished his scrambled eggs, mother would have been against all such foolishness and would tell the family so in an effective manner. But even if you can't sit at the table waving empty plates about, you can learn to take on your plate only what you feel you will eat.

Later on we in America are going to be given an opportunity to help out the famine situation more concretely. A nation-wide campaign is to be revived to collect canned foods to be shipped direct to the famine districts. We are helping slightly by eating the new emergency wheat flour, and to their own surprise the American people are liking that new wheat wonderfully well. Being a bread lover (and a person who puts on weight easily), I had thought to do my share by eating less wheat and regaining my figure—and being happy. I am going to stick to my vow—but I hate to give up that good 80 per cent bread and I doubt if I lose much weight either.

Receive Discharge

EX-SGT. MARSHALL BYRD

After basic training for eleven weeks at Keesler Field, Miss., Marshall was assigned to the Provost Marshals General School at Fort Custer, Mich.; he had a three months stay here before being sent to thirteen other camps throughout the states.

Overseas Marshall was in the Medical Supply Corps attached to the 12th Air Force, serving in Italy, Corsica and the Isle of Capri. July 31, 1945, they left Naples for the States to be rehabilitated for action in the Pacific.

Marshall received his discharge on November 15, 1945, at Richmond, Va.

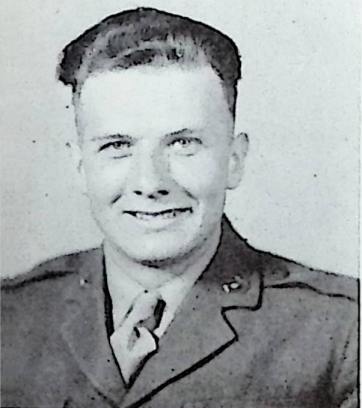


EX-CPL. JAMES L. WOOD

Leo was inducted June 15, 1943, into the Marine Corps and spent the next two months at Parris Island. From here, he was sent to Quantico, Va., a Field Artillery Training Center for four months.

After eight months at a P. O. E., Leo landed in Hawaii and was stationed at Camp Tarawa at Hilo. He was here until January, '45, and at that time his group was sent to Iwo Jima for combat duty. Thirty days of action on Iwo, then they were sent back to Hilo for rest, more training and replacements.

Their next tour of duty was with the occupational forces in Kyushu for two months and Nagasaki for four months. March 16, 1946, they left for home and a month later, Leo received his discharge from the Marines.

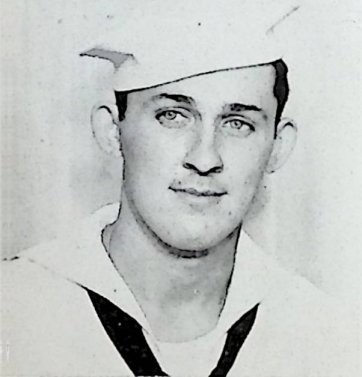


EX-S 1/c LANCASTER TURNER

"A short stay but enough for me," was the way Lancaster expressed his thoughts on his 10 months and three days in the Navy.

After boot training at Bainbridge, Lancaster, having previous guard training, was assigned to the Shore Patrol Unit at that base.

Lancaster returned to the Martinsville Plant May 1, 1946, and is now working in the Polymer and Spinning Area.



EX-S 1/c WADE L. LAWRENCE

The 10 months Wade spent in the Navy, he was assigned to a Shore Patrol Unit at Bainbridge, Md. While with this unit, he rode as Armed Guard on naval trucks and escorted Naval prisoners to all sections of the country.

Wade received his discharge from the Navy on April 17, 1946, and since his return to the plant, he's working on "A" Shift, P. & S.



EX-PFC. AKERS J. LAWSON

From induction at Camp Croft, S. C., on September 29, 1944, Akers had 17 weeks basic training and then left from Camp Shanks, N. Y., for Glasgow, Scotland.

After leaving England, Akers saw action in France, Belgium and Germany, and was on the continent until June 28, 1945.

Akers landed in Boston July 6, 1945, and was to be rehabilitated for the Pacific Theatre of Operation. However, the war out there ended and he was given his discharge at Indiantown Gap, Pa.



EX-PFC. DAVIS B. WALKER

Davis entered the service on January 21, 1943, at Camp Lee, Va. He was sent from here to Miami Beach, Fla., for basic training and then to Brookley Field, Ala., for advanced training.

In May, 1943, he shipped out with an M. P. Company attached to the Air Force for New Guinea. After spending nineteen months here, he was sent to the Philippines for 12 months. During Davis' 31 months overseas he said he did a little of everything and had a lot of interesting experiences.

Davis was given his discharge December 21, 1945, and is now working in the P. & S. Area.



EX-PETTY OFFICE 2/c R. D. KITTS

Reeford joined the Navy September 7, 1942, and after boot training at Pensacola, Fla., was assigned to a Naval Air Station near there until December, 1944.

Just as he was set to spend the winter in Florida, Reeford was transferred to the air base at Quonset Point, R. I., where he spent the next four months. He was sent back south for the three summer months and from Edenton, N. C., to Wildwood, N. J., until December, '45. Back to Quonset Point for three months and then Reeford received his discharge at Bainbridge, Md., March 6, 1946.



EX-SK 2/c MERHL F. MOBERLY

Inducted June 22, 1944, Merhl had eight weeks of boot camp at Bainbridge, Md., before being assigned to the Naval Ammunition Depot at Charleston, S. C., for two months. From here, he was sent to an Advanced Base Personnel Depot at San Bruno, Cal.; Merl was here six weeks.

January, 1945, until February, 1946, Merhl was stationed at the Naval Supply Depot, Navy 3149 on the Philippine Islands. While here his unit serviced all ships and land base units of the Seventh Fleet.



JIM BOTT - 10 Years of Company Service

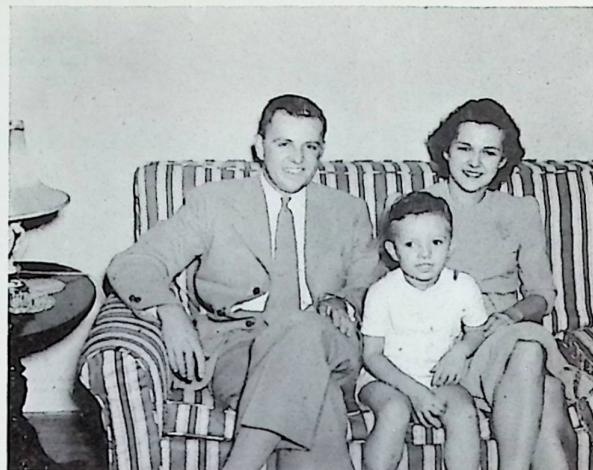
The oldest of three children, Jim was born December 18, 1916, at Painter, Va. After graduating from the local grammar and high schools, Jim became a "rat" at V. M. I., and received his B. S. Degree in Civil Engineering from this school in June of '36.

While in high school, Jim met Margaret Gilliss, also a native of Painter, and after six long years of courtship they were married on August 20, 1937. The Botts have one son, James A. Bott, Jr., age 4.

Jim came with the Du Pont Company soon after he received his degree from college. In fact, on July 13, 1936, as a student operator he began working in the No. 1 Plant of the Spruance Rayon Division at Richmond, Va. After a year of training, Jim was made a foreman in the Throwing Area and remained in this capacity until he was transferred to the Nylon Division at Seaford, Del., in August, '39.

When Jim was sent to Seaford he became a foreman in the Textile Area but was later made Day Miscellaneous Foreman. The Martinsville Plant began operating in November, '41, but Jim was down here a couple of months earlier to see that production got underway at the right time. Jim came here as Production Control Supervisor, a position which he has held except for the time he spent in the Army from July 6, 1942, until November 1, 1945.

The BLENDER extends congratulations to Jim on his decade of Du Pont service!



The Bott Family



John and "The Missus"

JOHN O'NEAL - 10 Years Service

Our apologies to John O'Neal who was shown last month as receiving a five-year pin. Since that issue of the BLENDER, we have realized our mistake and this month he has gained five more years and has now received his ten-year pin.

A Tennessean at heart, John spent the earlier days of his life around Clarksville. He finished grammar school at Hendersonville and high school at Nashville.

In the spring of '36, John began working with the Du Pont Company. His first job was in the electrical department on construction at Richmond, Va. When this job was completed, John moved on to Seaford in '39.

Before leaving Richmond, however, John had met Essie Spiers, a friend of his landlady's daughter, and after a couple of years of courtship, they were married on June 3, 1939, at Richmond.

John was on Seaford construction until '41, when he came to Martinsville, to help build the plant here. After the plant began operating, John transferred to the electrical group. Since his return from the Norfolk Naval Air Base, where he repaired naval aircraft, John has been working with the Power Service Group.

The BLENDER extends its congratulations to John on his service with the Company!

GEORGE BOONE - 10 Years with Du Pont

Born March 28, 1912, at Pottsville, Pa., George attended the local grammar and high schools there before going to Mercersburg Academy. After a year and a half there, George went to Pierce's Business School in Philadelphia where he graduated in 1934.

For about a year after George got out of school, he sold insurance in Philadelphia but soon he decided to try to get a job with the Du Pont Company.

George applied to Du Pont's New York Office and was given a job in the Time Office of the Old Hickory Plant. In 1941, George came to the Martinsville Plant as Cost Clerk and was here until he went into the Army on April 27, 1943. When George received his discharge he returned to Martinsville and on June 17, 1948, went back to work in the Accounting Section.

While in the Army, George became a frequent visitor of the Detroit USO. It was here that he met Mrs. George Boone, nee Hester Resnik, who was Assistant Managing Director of the USO unit in Detroit. When George was asked about his courtship, he remarked that one thing led to another until finally the altar and that's how it was. The Boones have one son, George Boone III, age four months, and Beauty (Doberman) Boone.

George's hobbies were golf and badminton but when he went in the Army the opportunities weren't so good so he had to give up his games.

Congratulations, George, on your ten years of service and glad to have you back in the fold!



Two-thirds of the Boone Family

Five Year Pins



Murray Bryant
Polymer and Spinning



Russell Hodges
Power



Jim Davis
Polymer and Spinning



Tarcissus Chaput
Maintenance



Perry Henderson
Power



Morris Hyler
Power



Jack Lucas
Power



Paul Schuh
Project Engineering



Don Jacobs
Process Development



Watt Clingenpeel
Production Control



Ogle Hess
Polymer and Spinning



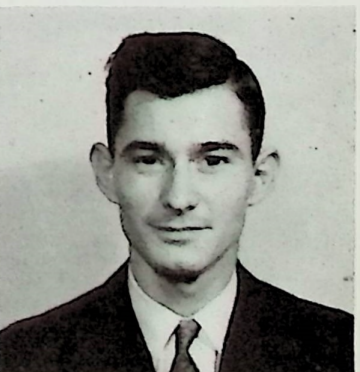
Willie Caldwell
Maintenance



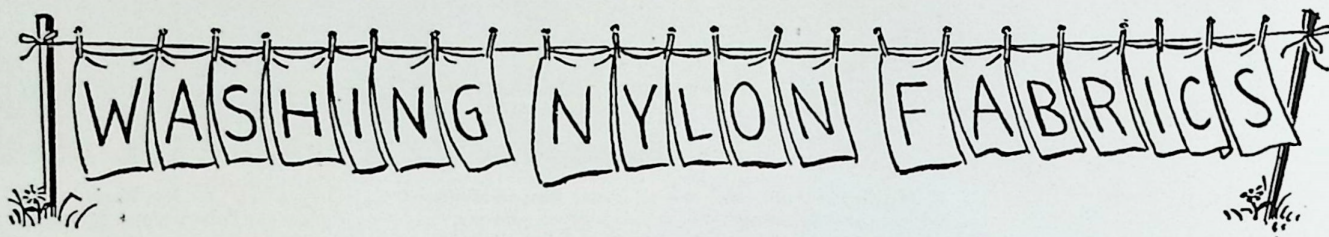
George Chapman
Power



John Wood
Polymer and Spinning



Sammy Luther
Project Engineering



Nylon woven fabrics are quietly making their war-interrupted debut with their aggressive sister—hosiery.

As they appear in blouses, dresses, curtains, and underwear, the question arises—how will they launder?

Washing—Nylon fabrics may be laundered easily; however, the usual precautions for washing all fine fabrics should be observed. This means: washing in lukewarm water and mild soap, squeezing the suds through the fabric, and rinsing well without wringing or twisting.

Drying—Colored fabrics should not be force-dried because of the possibility of fading. Like nylon hosiery, woven nylon fabrics dry rapidly. They should not be hung on or directly above a radiator. Most garments should be rolled in a Turkish towel or smoothed out and hung on a hanger until ready for ironing or for use without ironing. It should not be necessary to stretch nylon curtains.

Ironing—To iron or not to iron may be the question. Properly finished nylon fabric is highly resistant to wrinkling during laundering, and should require only slight smoothing or “touching up.” Some nylon garments can be worn satisfactorily without ironing. Often hems, pockets, and trimming details are improved when smoothed with the iron. This property of nylon fabrics not to wrinkle during the washing process and to retain their original shape goes back to a very important step in the manufacture—the finishing process. During the finishing, nylon fabrics will take on a more or less permanent set if subjected to moist heat. Thus nylon fabrics that have been properly set are highly resistant to wrinkling and will retain their smoothness and original shape.

If ironed, should nylon be wet or dry? Again, a question of personal opinion, the time involved, and in some cases the weave or construction of the fabric. Like most fine fabrics, nylon may look more finished, more professionally done when ironed on the wrong side, while slightly damp. If dry when ironed, some garments retain “shadow wrinkles.” Each individual may want to try various techniques to find the best effect for the least amount of energy.

An ironing temperature of 275° F, or about the same as for rayon, is suggested for nylon. But a safe rule to follow is a warm—never a hot iron.

Bleaching—The natural whiteness of nylon is not improved by bleaching. Chlorine or common household bleaches have a tendency to discolor the fabric. Peroxide bleaches do not discolor, but if a strong, hot solution is used, the fabric may be weakened.

Removing Spots and Stains—Any cleaning agent ordinarily used on other fine fabrics can be used on nylon. It might be well, however, to try some of the cleaner on an inconspicuous part of the garment, such as the underside of the hem or belt. If the dye or finish is affected by the cleaner, the reaction could be noted without injury to the garment.

If you have any question as to the washability of a particular fabric because of dyes used, construction, or the type of stain, it is suggested that the garment be sent to a reliable dry cleaner.

New Booklet Available

“Synthetics Bring New Era in Perfumes”

Until a short time ago, it took nearly twenty-five tons of violets to make a single ounce of the natural oil used in perfumes. Today the violet odor is produced synthetically.

The chemist has enriched the field of perfumery through the creation of new raw materials. In this he had done far more than to reproduce nature's products, for odors and fixatives have been evolved with qualities not found in nature. The developments have been such that today every perfume on the market, without exception, depends on synthetics for its individuality and character.

FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY

SLOW



Slow signs indicate curves, turns, hills, narrow bridges, etc.

STOP



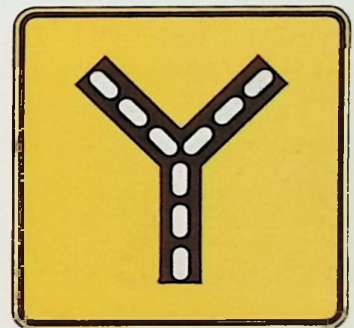
Stop signs indicate dangerous corners, through traffic, stop streets, etc.

WARNING



Warning signs indicate railroad crossings.

CAUTION



Caution signs indicate school zones, crossroads, playgrounds, side roads, etc.

KNOW AND OBSERVE HIGHWAY SIGNS

PHILIPPINE DAY

THE BLENDER takes great pleasure in presenting in this issue a brief history of the birth and progress of the Philippine Islands, which received their full independence July Fourth, Nineteen Hundred and Forty-Six.

The Philippine Archipelago first became known to Europeans on March 16, 1521, through discovery by Ferdinand Magellan. There are, however, evidences of contact with other countries, such as trading voyages with the Chinese as early as the tenth and thirteenth centuries. Many sanskrit words in the language and dialects of the people of the Philippines and the forms of the letters used at the time of their discovery by the Spanish indicate the influence of the Hindus. All this took place before America was discovered by Columbus. The people of the Philippines practically welcomed the coming of the Spaniards and before very long were beginning to adopt ways of the Western World and had taken on a veneer of a superior culture.

From the time of Magellan's discovery until the settlement of Manila, the presence of the Spaniards in the Philippines was actively contested by the Portuguese. This hostility continued until 1580 when Spain and Portugal were united. (This union was dissolved, however, in 1640.) Around the sixteen hundreds, the Dutch began to look to the Philippines for trade rather than colonies, as had been the case in the past. For the next one hundred and sixty-two years, the Spanish strengthened its hold on the islands and the trade with other lands. However, the Spaniards did not reckon with the fact that some day, the Philippines may be considered a prize worthy of going to war over. Such was the condition when, in 1762, a British expedition reached Manila and found the Spaniards unprepared to defend the city. It was captured October 5. By the treaty of Paris, 1763, however, Manila was restored to Spain.

After the building of the Suez Canal in 1869, the young men of the Philippines gradually began to seek knowledge by studying in Spain and other European countries. With this mental development among the people, also came the idea of Filipino nationality and independence. The "Young Filipino Party" was organized in protest against the domination of the friars and economic and administrative caciquism. These aspirations met sympathetic reception from several Governors. But the Spaniards, especially the friars, were opposed. On August 26, 1898, the actual insurrection broke out. Spain sent over reinforcements until there was an army of 28,000, which, together with a few loyal regiments of native soldiers, brought about the defeat of the insurgents after a stiff 52-day campaign. But this did not last. With the blowing up of the *Maine* on February 15, 1898, actual hostilities broke out between Spain and the U. S. On September 15, a revolutionary assembly met and on the 29th ratified Filipino independence.

Relations between the United States and the Philippines were unfriendly and steadily grew worse. On February 4, 1899, the inevitable conflict between the Americans and Filipinos surrounding Manila was precipitated. While the fighting was in progress a proclamation of war was issued against the U. S. The insurrection ended in defeat April 16, 1902. The commission appointed to set up a government of the Philippines was instructed by President McKinley to "bear in mind that the government which they are establishing is designed not for our satisfaction nor for the expression of our theoretical views, but for the happiness, peace and prosperity of the people of the Philippine Islands."

In 1939, the first phase of independence was completed with the establishment of a representative government with a governor from the U. S. With the coming of World War II, the Philippines were the focal point in the Pacific War and as such, played a great and important part in the final victory. In the recent election, Manual Roxas was elected to be the first President of the Philippine Republic, which will be born this Fourth of July, 1946; just one day less than one year after their liberation by the armed forces of the U. S. under General Douglas MacArthur.



Manual Roxas
First President of the
Philippine Republic

QUIZ QUOTES

If you were suddenly given a million dollars, what are some of the first things you would do?



Warder Hauger, Power Service: "First of all I would quit work, why would a fellow want to work if he had a million dollars. Then I'd take a long trip just traveling from place to place—of course, that trip would be made in a new Buick or Olds. When I came back from the trip, which might be a couple or three years, I'd buy a big farm out Indiana way, hire a lot of help, then sit back and take life easy."



Vance Prillaman, P. & S.: "First I would retire to a nice big farm somewhere here in Henry County and raise registered cattle. I would buy my family anything they wanted—cars, clothes, etc. You know I have eight children. Oh, yes, I would set up a trust fund for each of the children, and I would put aside about half of it just in case something happened."



Bruce Turner, Lubrication Group: "I would stop working and buy a Buick automobile. Then I would get married and have a nice home somewhere in Henry County. It would have a large pool, air-conditioning and all the rest of the modern equipment. Investment in real estate around here would take some of it. I would like to go back to Europe, when things get more back to normal, and see things as they should be."



Emily Rea, Stores: "It's too fantastic an idea to even think about. I really don't know what I'd do if it were to actually happen. I expect I would give it all away because I don't want that much money. I think it would bring me nothing but trouble, so I would get rid of it as fast as I could."



Betty Inman, P. & S.: "First I'd quit working, then I'd start out to see the world. I'd buy lots and lots of new dresses and for once in my life I would have everything to match. Maybe I would even give you part of it. I would give some to the rest of my family so they could do the things they have always wanted to do. I would invest some of it in the Du Pont Company, then I'd go to Florida and take life easy."



Laura Slaydon, Textile: "I would have a big time first, buying lots of clothes that I have always wanted. I would play with part of it in the stock market. I would set up scholarship funds at several colleges, and give quite a bit to different charitable organizations. I think I would take the family to Florida until we got tired of it, then we would come back and take it easy in the very house we live in now."



Bill Brabson, who was trying to evade the camera and quizzer, was finally tracked down for the answer: "First of all, I would check out and take a vacation for the rest of my life. I would get a car two blocks long—no particular make, just as long as it's two blocks in length, and after that, I would get a five-year ticket to the Burlesque and the rest of the time, well, I'll just be lazy!"



Roy Hodnett, Power: "A six months vacation would be the first thing on the list. Then would come a nice home here in town, and a car. I would buy all the stock in the Du Pont Company I could find, so that some of my money would be good and safe. One thing I wouldn't do, is bet on prize fights. A trust fund would be set up for my son, then the rest of the family and myself would sit back and take things easy."



George Reed says he would put some of it to good use. "After giving some to my mother, I'd have a bank account and buy a car and then take trips around this section of the country but I don't want to leave here. I wouldn't get married 'cause I can have more fun single. If I had had it last month, I would have gone to the Louis-Conn fight."



PERSONNEL

She's gone again—the WAC took her before, but this time, it's the love of the home town that towed her away. The *entire* group wishes Doris Martin success and happiness on her new job in Leaksville.

Tarleton Andes doesn't know exactly where he's making his home these days! One day it's Axton, the next it's Martinsville.

Weeds and toes were so much alike to Kathryn Garst that she has acquired the nickname "Crip"; she cut her toes instead of the weeds and has been hobbling around every since!

The group is pulling strongly for Emil Johnson to come out on top in the Plant Golf Tournament. The secret of his success lies behind his handicap and those Saturday morning coaching classes, and as soon as he gets the "kinks" straightened in his clubs, he hopes to do better!

THE BLENDER will probably take on new aspects since Harry Beach attended the Editors' Convention in Wilmington! It must have been a good get-together—Harry is still talking about it.
By Jean Critz

PRODUCTION CONTROL

It's not every day that we hear of somebody receiving letters from Argentina, but Watt Clingenpeel did recently. It was from a good friend of his working for Du Pont there. He had seen Watt's picture in THE BLENDER—strange how this BLENDER gets around!

At this writing, Ralph Westervelt must be somewhere on the Chesapeake Bay haulin' 'em in. He's going to bring back a barrel full of fish! That's what the man said! Best of luck, Ralph.

Speaking of vacations, Clarence Vernon has just returned with a story about a "tall fish." Indeed, it's the tallest fish story we ever heard. He says he has pictures to prove it, but we haven't seen them yet.
By H. H. Dorton

PURCHASING

Add Bill Brabson's name to the list of airplane fans! He's been soaring about in the Wide Blue Yonder and is working hard for his license before vacation time.

On vacation Ed Minnick took off for Abingdon, Va., his home, and Tennessee to get fat and lazy eating country ham!

Imogene Davis plans to go to Virginia Beach over the 4th and this year she'll have hubby with her!
By Imogene Davis

STORES

With vacation time here, the favorite question around Stores is "Where are you going on your vacation?"—and I quote:

Howard Turner—"Florida, maybe."

O. D. Jordan—"Hither and yon in my new pick-up truck."

Garrett Wells—"Chatham Heights" (working on that new home!)

Dorsey Currin—"Figsboro Road" (for the same reason).

Cabell Pratt—"Oak Grove Avenue (ditto again)"

Julian Taylor—"New Jersey, to visit relatives."

"Buck" Lambeth—"Mountains first week and seashore the second!"

Bill Geoghegan—"Down by the sea, maybe Morehead City."

Pete Hensley—"I went up in the Blue Ridge Mountains of West Virginia."

Emly Rea—"I went down in the land of the 'Martins and Coys', namely, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Mississippi."

We are proud to have Gerald Wilson, one of the high school graduates, son of a plant employee, working with us during the summer months.

Kay Drake has resigned to join her husband, E. E. Drake, CAMM, U. S. Navy, who is stationed in Texas.

Martha Weaver has resigned to accept the position of full-time housewife.

Harvey Beauchamp has resigned to enter the lumber business.

Stores wishes these folks the best of luck!

By Ernestine Stultz

METHODS AND STANDARDS

Our nine o'clock scholar is none other than Dick Heller. Does anyone have an old alarm clock they don't need?

Harvey and Jim have been feasting on frog legs lately. They are very successful giggers, but Harvey says next time they need a larger boat!

John has at last succeeded in getting new glasses for his car. Says he's been peeping around the side so long, he forgets he can now see out the back.

Sandy was on another fishing trip, this time it was in the Appalachian Mountains fishing for bass.

Harvey Pressley says the reason for more bald-headed men than women is because of the great mental activity of the brain, which causes one to lose one's hair. We notice there isn't a shortage on Harvey's head.
By ? ? ? ? ?

CAFETERIA "CHOW CHATTER"

HAVE YOU EVER TRIED . . .

Frog gigging? Mildred Turner says it's fun except for the drowsy feeling the following day.

Flavoring peas with coffee? Janie Mason says this is easily done if one is looking the other way while reaching for the salt.

Cooking twenty-four dozen eggs? "You will never live on a chicken ranch," quotes Clara Hamrick.

Waiting for an overseas telephone call? Margaret Chaney stood by for eight hours after that graveyard shift expecting a call from her daughter!

Preparing a meal and reading "Forever Amber" simultaneously? Lena Clark's husband says it can't be done.

Going on a reducing diet? Judy Pettie recommends fried apples for breakfast, apple sauce for lunch and apple cobbler for dinner.

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Talmage Thornton has decided to exchange meat cooking for pastry baking. Our best wishes go with you in your new business venture, Talmage.

We are happy to have Peg White back with us after that illness.

Bula Covington is very lonesome after losing both daughters the same month.

Clarence Gravely is planning to take life easy now that his son and daughter are working.

"Working in the Cafeteria is wonderful after that stay in the Army," says Calbert Hairston. Welcome back, Calbert.

A speedy recovery is wished Louvenia Betz.

By Ruth Yearout

PROCESS CONTROL

We wish to extend a hearty welcome to six new members of our group: Ruth Snapp, Laura Slaydon, Esther Moore, Mildred Evans, Ilene Harmon and Marie Wingfield.

Joe Labovsky is taking his well-earned vacation and we hope he didn't spoil it by going

to the Louis-Conn fight in Madison Square Garden on June 19.

Curtis Conner's latest lament is—my garden is full of beans and bugs and not a scrap of bacon in the house to cook them with.

We are sorry to lose Marie Burbeau, who is leaving us to be with her husband in New York City. Good luck, Marie! In the same breath, we wish to welcome Margaret Draper, who is replacing her.

George Ainsley and Charlie Davis are walking around with that certain worried look on their faces but we hope to see some big smiles soon.

Pat Patterson was on the verge of giving us some important news but it seems we'll have to wait just a little longer.

Madeline Reynolds has some serious intentions for the late future. Better late than never is her motto.

Marie Prillaman says all is well up in the Henry neighborhood.
By John Prillaman

POWER

The Power Group offers its deepest sympathies to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Mahon on their recent bereavement.

Bob Crockett was the first one in the Power Area to take advantage of his fifteen years of service by collecting three weeks vacation. Let us know how it feels to have all that time off, Bob.

The Power Group welcomes Eldred Hill, Jr., who will be with us during the summer months.

Henry Martin plans to spend his three weeks vacation on a motor trip to Yellowstone Park. Hope you have a good trip, Henry.

Bill Hedgecock went on a fishing trip to eastern Virginia recently and brought back some photographs for evidence. We wonder how many times he had them enlarged!
By Guy Williams

POWER SERVICE

We're glad to have Cliff Cunningham back on the job after his recent illness.

Frank Barr has returned to us from the U. S. Marines. Welcome back, Frank. We also hear that Ross Yearout will be back with us shortly.

D. B. McCullough claims he has lost fifteen pounds since coming to Martinsville! Where? ? ?

George Clemens is getting quite adept with his wife's sewing machine buttonhole attachment. When are you opening your shop, George?
By Harold Justice

PROCESS DEVELOPMENT

Welcome to the newcomer in our group, Bob Baument from Nebraska.

The Paul Coopers have moved in their new home and had a wonderful house-warming party. Among the useful(?) gifts they received were pots and pans with no bottoms or with holes and many gadgets made useless by the removal of

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Safety Suggestions Adopted

June, 1946

MAINTENANCE	POWER
E. E. Colburn	W. F. Cleary
Elwood E. Wade (2)	S. J. Ferguson
Buford C. Minter	J. E. Shropshire

"Free Wheeler" by Du Pont



The above photo shows the model attired in a "Free Wheeler" for pleasant sleeping on hot July and August nights. The bra top is kept comfortably in place by bands of elastic at top and bottom, and the skirt band achieves the same snug fit. The suit is edged with fresh white eyelet embroidery threaded with satin ribbons. Material used is Du Pont Rayon.

Try This on Your Weeds

Somebody—somebody with a sense of humor—once referred to weeds as "the only perfect plants." If you've ever tried to get weeds out of an orchard, or a lawn, you probably thought of several other names to call them! They're a nuisance and a tiresome chore to the home-owner with a lawn to be kept smooth and green, and they're much worse than a nuisance to the farmer. Bindweed, for instance, has been known to reduce a farmer's crop production by as much as eighty per cent. In some regions it has even made farmlands worthless.

For many years biologists have searched for improved weed-killers. There is one which the DU PONT COMPANY is now manufacturing—one which we believe to be the best so far developed. We call it DU PONT 2, 4-D. Oddly enough, in very small quantities 2, 4-D stimulates plants. But, when you increase the concentration, it kills them—apparently by making them use up their reserve food supply too fast.

DU PONT 2, 4-D is selective against lawn weeds. Spray it on your lawn, spring and fall, and it kills chickweed, dandelions, plantain and wild onions without harming the grass. And it is so powerful that you can spray a thousand square feet of lawn with only twenty teaspoonsful, in five gallons of water.

For the farmer, also, 2, 4-D is wonderful news. It kills pigweed, bull thistle, and ragweed—cause of much hay fever. Wild onion and radish, which give a strong flavor if cows get into them are also eradicated by 2, 4-D. It kills trumpet vine, Virginia creeper, wild carrot, sassaparilla and sumac. Sumac, in some parts of the country, is the farmer's deadly enemy. It grows three or four feet a year, and sumac that has grown to tree-size has a root system that will stop a plow in its tracks.

Cellular Cellulose Acetate



A new plastic, which is extremely light in weight and yet has high structural strength, has been developed by Du Pont. The lab technician can hold two large bundles on her finger tips, while a panel will support her weight. New uses include panels for airplanes, luggage, furniture, prefab houses, refrigeration units, etc.

DU PONT 2, 4-D is also made in convenient tablet form under the trade mark "Karmex." It can be applied quickly and conveniently as a coarse spray, even from a sprinkling can. Once it has dried on the weeds, it kills them despite rainstorms. It kills them roots and all.

This easier, more efficient way of destroying weeds is an example of the sort of problem the sciences of biology and chemistry solve.

The Motorboat That Flies

Have you heard about the motorboat that flies?

It saved the lives of fliers forced down at sea, during the war. Now it will be used by the air-sea rescue service of the Coast Guard.

From the nearest land base, a transport plane takes off with the flying motorboat slung underneath. Three giant parachutes made of DU PONT nylon yarn let the boat down. It hits the water with a splash, and then a lot of things happen automatically. Smoke and light signals go off. Rockets fling out two-hundred-foot lines on either side of the boat, so that weakened survivors can haul themselves aboard.

The Higgins Airborne Lifeboat has just about everything that a life-saving craft can possibly have, stowed away in the least possible space with the greatest possible efficiency. It shows what can really be done when modern design gets to work on an old problem. And, as might be expected, chemistry plays a considerable part in its design—not only in the three strong, tough nylon parachutes which lower it safely to the water, but also in the cellophane which during manufacture of the boat covers the mold in which the strong hull is formed.

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some part by Earle Olson for his record changer.

The "Joe College" in our group now is Raymond Lowe, who is in school for a week in Rochester.

With the assistance of Olson, Pollock and Jacobs as groomsmen, Jon Carriel and Margaret Kearnfott were married on Saturday, June 22.

Marge liked the round in which Louis selected to kayo Conn. She had selected the same round several days before (by chance).

Bill Woodruff is having to take a vacation to get rid of his dishpan hands and housemaid knees he got while "batching" for the past several weeks.

By Marge Russell

SHIPPING AND INSPECTION

Beulah McDonald, Arabelle West and Margaret Mills, Leaksville girls, were seen recently showing their muscles before work by pitching horseshoes.

We welcome Evelyn Bockock, June Ingram, Frances Hundley, Bailey Henderson and Arnold Prillaman to Inspection and Shipping.

If you are interested in doing a little posing, see Curtis Fain—he is really going in the photography business. (Ed.—Don't forget to enter THE BLENDER photo contest.)

Congratulations to Helen McKarney and Mamie Lee Cundiff—it's catching these days! Both are wearing spotlights on their left hand.

Lessie Gregory tried to pull one over on us by keeping her marriage a secret.

Some of the girls in the waste area have favorite songs—one in particular—"Listen to the Mocking Bird!" For further information, see Annette Varner.

It's nice to see Joe Petty back in the area after a tussle with his appendix. Welcome back, Joe.

Vivian Nale is going in for golf in a big way. Watch the traffic on the golf course, Nale.

Sounds like an English Field lineup this month. Davis leading off, Mason on deck and Petty in the hole. (Vacation lineup.)

It was a sad day in Shipping on the morning of June 13 when word came that Jim Davis was defeated in the golf tournament. Jim's excuse was synthetic golf balls and a caddy that was too honest!

By Louise Robertson
and "Panky" Pankovich

PROTECTION

Congratulations to Wes Shumate for finally getting himself a bride after 25 years of hard wooing!

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Gardner on the appearance of a son, Woodson Stone Gardner!

After five years of pleading, Neil Gregory was finally permitted to move near the city of Martinsville!

By "The Sergeants"

ACCOUNTING

The Time Office's "Sunshine" is out with the grip. Hurry back, Sara, we miss you too much. Incidentally, Little Napoleon has neither seen, heard nor spoken any evil since you've been away.

Misunderstood Phil Greek to say he caught 7,864,099 fish on that week-end trip recently. The other guys caught a few too.

We are all looking forward to our vacations this summer but think Van Freeman has the nicest plans yet.

If Helen Dickerson takes the advice of one of her friends, you fellows may see a very interesting ad in the paper soon.

After cheering the Martinsville Athletics to victory at a local double header, Emily Hensley wondered if her swollen throat could be the mumps.

Margaret Baughn reported via picture card that she was enjoying a wonderful vacation down in southeast North Carolina.

Records extends a hearty welcome to its two new members of the "Pony Express," Gloria Chaney and Jean Ferguson, and to Marie Watkins, who was transferred from Physical Testing Laboratory.

The stork has been flying low again—and this time it's a girl, Nancy Jackson, for the Preston Monohons. Congratulations from all of us.

We were sorry to hear of Mary Lib Nicholson's illness, and are glad to know that she will soon be back with us again.

Cards from our two honeymooners, Frances (Stanley) Murphy and Gaynelle (Leftwich) Holt, prove the old saying of Victor Hugo, "Life is a flower of which love is the honey."

We hear that Spot Draper has invested in real estate and we're all awaiting our invitations to the "housewarming."

We wonder about that gleam in Gladys Campbell's and Helen Cox's eyes when Myrtle Beach is mentioned.

For a place to spend your vacation, Clara Prillaman says New York can't be beat, but then Marie Brown says Savannah, Ga., is all right.

Mary Holt Hill made the remark that her life was full of conflicts these days—sounds bad, Hottie!

"Mighty" Myers was out ten days recuperating from an operation, but she is back now with more pep than ever.

By Ruth Stultz

MEDICAL

After a large truck came within a whisker of crashing into a car parked near the Ross residence, Louise's mother had to persuade her daughter to sun bathe in a more restricted area.

If you notice any loose cars rambling up and down curbs, it's only Marie Bryant brushing up on her driving for the big test.

Something must have Frances Richardson in tow! She can give you more information on the movies, the ball games, and conditions at Fairystone Park than all of us combined.

By Marge Jacobs

LABORERS

Russell Wingfield doesn't know what he wants to drive these days, his truck or the tractor. But we think it will be the tractor because he just gave his truck one long last look.

We seem to hear quite a bit about boxing these days from William Patterson and William Gravely. Of course, we still hear about baseball, too!

Employee Suggestions Adopted

June, 1946

POLYMER AND SPINNING

James C. Witherow
Benjamin Gardner
Troy Nelson
Oscar Cannaday
Julian Boyce

TECHNICAL

Margaret Russell

MANUFACTURING AND ALL OTHERS

POWER

C. L. Murray
H. O. Martin
Edgar D. Ferguson
J. P. Harrison

MAINTENANCE

J. E. Torrey
R. S. Pease (2)
R. H. Farris (2)
H. L. O'Neal
A. A. Austin
Lewis W. Slagle
Harry T. McGhee
Noel L. Wood
P. T. Morris

TEXTILE

Virginia Harwell
Margie Prillaman
Glydna Vernon
Sarah E. Hazelwood
R. P. Heller

James King is just as glad to be a truck driver (instead of a helper) as Tom Bowles is to be a helper.

Joe Taylor is the only man that we have ever seen that can catch a baseball and not know that he has it. Of course, he's a good batter—out of four trips to the plate, he struck out three times.

It seems like Muncy Young is having trouble with snakes and frogs these days!

James Draper says he's just as satisfied in the Maintenance group as he was in Power because it's all Du Pont to him as long as he's on the plant property.

We don't believe that Fred Martin has ever seen a bad, dull or blue day, as we might say, because he's smiling all the time!

To all baseball players who play the following positions: If you can't play third base, see George Reid; if you can't catch, see George Reid, and if you can't pitch, you can still see Mr. Reid because he is almost an all-round player!

By James King and
James Hester

P. & S. MAINTENANCE

Bob Markham was in his prime while on his vacation—fishing, drinking beer and iced tea—and house painting!

Charles DeShazo is about to go on his vacation and is also taking on a lifetime job of getting married. Good luck, Charles, nothing like it!

The group welcomes Marvin Johnson to P. & S. Maintenance. By T. D. Alexander

MAINTENANCE

The Shops welcome: Bill Craigie, from Martinsville High School, and Bill Lawson and Jack Hylton from P. & S.

Rex Snapp finally got snugly established in his cozy little cottage in Collinsville.

We understand "Luke" Slovic has rearranged his deep sea fishing kit to make space for a bottle of Mother Sill's Seasickness Remedy. But he still manages to catch the biggest fish!

The Shops regret the loss of Arlie Faunce and wish him much success.

Freddie Custer didn't mind the extra work while Henry Rist was on vacation, as long as he could wear that famous bow tie for a couple of weeks.

Jim Torrey, back from vacation, claims he found the place (in Mississippi) where you have to hide behind a tree to bait your hook.

By Hamp Dyches

TEXTILE

"A" SHIFT

We are glad to have Kathleen Tate and Roberta Stowe back after being out sick.

If you wish to find any of "A" Shift girls on their day off, visit Fairystone Park.

Welcome to "A" Shift—Pauline Waltherman, Annie Vipperman, Thelma Williams, Marie Burgess, Connie Lineberry, Elsie Riggs, Nina Turner, Jessie Stegall, Virginia Christian and David Stultz.

Why are Margie Thompson and Marie Smith so excited? We need only one guess—their boy friends are home!

While in Indiana on vacation, Elva Hylton attended the Indianapolis Automobile Races.

By Grace Odell

"B" SHIFT

We miss the following girls from "B" Shift: Ilene Harmon, who was transferred to P. T. Lab; Laura Slaydon to Process Control; June Ingram to Inspection, and Elva Turner, who is in training for forelady.

After seeing Willa Turner, Cevera and

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W. S. Carpenter, Jr. Lauds Employees

Du Pont personnel comprises the company's "most valuable and irreplaceable asset," said Walter Carpenter, Jr., president, in a complete report just published on the company's wartime production activities.

"The company acknowledges with appreciation," he said, "the sustained cooperation and loyalty of its employees, which have had so much to do with the success of the production drive. To the many thousands of veteran Du Pont men and women were added the efforts of many other thousands of newcomers. Both groups have performed their duties well.

"Harmonious relationships between employees and management have marked the war years," he continued, "despite many difficulties imposed by changes in production requirements, wartime living conditions and Governmental restrictions.

"The cooperation of the employees, in adjusting themselves to these extraordinary conditions, contributed much to the handling of war commitments. The large number of women employees was a notable feature, rising to nearly 30 per cent of the total at the end of the war period."

Various plans for employees, over and above wages and salaries, in 1945, involved the expenditure of \$28,289,000, equal to 15 per cent of combined wages and salaries. These covered disability benefits, life insurance, pensions, vacations, industrial health and safety provisions, allowances to employees leaving for military service, etc.

The report said that since September, 1940, a total of 38,200 employees, made up of 19,700 from the company's commercial units and 18,500 from Government-owned war plants, entered the fighting forces. Of this number 6,540 had rejoined the company by December 31, 1945, and, in addition, 7,078 veterans without previous company service were on the rolls at the year's end.

"The policy has been to give prompt and considerate attention to each veteran who applies for employment or reemployment," the presi-

dent said, "and special programs have been effected to aid supervision in the reassignment and reorientation of veterans."

He said that the efficiency and spirit of the company's employees is evidenced by a total of 37 Army-Navy "E" awards and 91 "white stars" signifying continuing excellence in production, or a total of 128 awards through the war period.

The company's accident frequency rate was only 1.44 compared with a general wartime average of approximately 10 for the entire U. S. chemical industry and 14 for U. S. industry as a whole.

Mr. Carpenter said it is plain that the business interests of the company "lie primarily and overwhelmingly with peace."

The 64-page report reviews how the company designed and built for the Government 54 plants on 32 locations at a total cost of \$1,034,000,000. In the Government plants operated by Du Pont materials with a value of \$895,000,000 were produced.

Meanwhile, during each of the last three war years, the company increased its production of chemical materials from its own plants to more than double 1939 levels.

Mr. Carpenter reported that, between December, 1940, and August, 1945, Du Pont produced approximately 4,500,000,000 pounds of military explosives—three times its 1915-1918 output.

But military explosives this time accounted for less than 25 per cent of the company's total production, compared to approximately 85 per cent in World War I.

The largest single Du Pont undertaking in the war was the company's part in the atomic energy program. The company's entire compensation for its services in connection with each of the Clinton and Hanford projects was a fee of \$1.00. At the company's own request it was stipulated that no patent rights growing out of the work should accrue to Du Pont.

Don't Forget !!

The First Annual Picture Contest announced in the June issue of THE BLENDER has now been open a month, and so far as we, the Editors, have been able to determine, interest and response has been good. However, we want to have the participation of every employee on the plant in this contest if at all possible.

On bulletin boards in each area are posted sample prints which give the reader and prospective contestants an idea of what to shoot for when taking pictures for this contest.

It may be that there are some questions which have not been answered. If such is your case, please let your questions be known to the Editor and he will try to give the right answer. If it is film you need, we may also be able to get it for you.

Golf Standings

At this writing, the third round of the Plant-Wide Medal Play Golf Tournament is under way with the following players paired together: George Hollis plays Boyce Dillard; Joe Briggs plays Hamp O'Neal; Al Twing plays Emil Johnson, and Jim Mitchell plays Roland Rhett.

There are favorites and then again there are favorites. Who do you pick to win this round? It may also be interesting to pick the final winner—write his name on a slip of paper, put it away and when the contest is over, see how right you were!

Harrygraphs

By HARRY DAUGHTRY

Bill Dickey, the man who took Joe McCarthy's place as Manager of the New York Yankees, was voted the best catcher in baseball in 1932-33-36-38 and 39.

The first game of the now famous Georgia-Georgia Tech rivalry in 1893, saw victorious Tech escape Athens, Ga., in a boxcar under a barrage of eggs and vegetables.

John Pankovich, shipping checker, now working in Shipping was signed by the New York Yankees right out of high school and played professional ball before going into the army.

"Slick" Woods, P. & S. Foreman, was an outstanding athlete while in high school at John Marshall High in Richmond, Va., before starting to work for the Du Pont Co. "Slick" still is one of our best all-round athletes, playing basketball, golf and softball as well as being a very good bowler.

Early American tennis rules called for eight umpires. Today, there are fifteen officials for a single match: one umpire, ten linesmen, one net judge, two foot-fault judges, and a referee who just settles disputes.

Why Golf Courses Have 18 Holes

The reason golf courses have 18 holes instead of 12, 15, 20, or any other number you like, so the story goes, is the doings of a Scotsman, influential in golfing circles. This Scotsman liked to carry a full bottle of whiskey in his golf bag for medicinal purposes to ward off ill effects of inclement weather and to give him strength. And he took a nip on every tee.

Instead of using a jigger like those that are most popular today, he drank his Scotch from a one and one-half ounce shot glass. And he was able to extract exactly 18 drinks from a fifth of Scotch.

To continue playing after the whiskey was all gone was unhealthy, he believed, so when his bottle became empty, he quit.

And that is why golf courses have 18 holes.

Baseball may be the American National Sport, but basketball draws more spectators, second only to horse racing, according to attendance records in the past several years.

Phil Rizzuto, shortstop for the New York Yankees, started his professional career as shortstop for Bassett, Va., in the old Bi-State League of which Martinsville was a member.

The writer would appreciate a note from anyone who knows of some brief article pertaining to sports on any of our employees.



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Claudine Martin's suntan, we really believe they spent the weekend at the Beach.

Marie Ingram is sporting a diamond. We wonder when we will hear the wedding bells ring!

We wonder where Macel Jones has been to get that big poplar bloom in her hair!

We hear Goldie Harris has been taking boxing lessons! How about it, Goldie?

New girls on the shift are Nancy Creasy, Mary Martin, Charlotte Perry, Viola Prillaman, Lena Boyd, Mary Moore and Edna Clarke. Welcome girls!

Yours Truly bids you a fond farewell as I leave for Inspection. I have enjoyed working with all of you.

By Evelyn Bocock

"C" SHIFT

THINGS WE'D LIKE TO SEE AND HEAR:

Eula Tilley laughing with her eyes open!

Clarice Coates without her gum!

Virginia Crawford quiet for one time!

Helen Taylor pitching woo!

Glendola Perdue jitterbugging!

Posie Jones in a hurry!

Welcome to "C" Shift: Doris Hennis, Doris Spicer, Minnie Hancock, Ruth Austin, Jean Cheshire, Delphia Sloan and Jessie Sloan.

By Doris Joyce

"D" SHIFT

We wish to welcome to "D" Shift Lorene Jennings, Laura Hill, Ruth Rodgers, Opal Fain, Mary Kitts, Pauline Cassidy, Dessie Newton and Lorraine Sowder.

Cupid has been very busy lately, or so it seems from the look on Ruby Hylton's face and that diamond on her left hand!

We really miss Mildred Evans who left us for Process Control.

Congratulations to our two June brides, Eloise Hutchinson, who is now addressed as Mrs. Garfield Atkins and Kitty Rorrer as Mrs. Hollandsworth.

John Wilson was glad to get back into those safety shoes after his vacation in Arkansas.

Lucille Compton just loves to do the ballet dance for John Wilson.

The mailman hasn't had so much to do since Betty Frank is both taking and receiving her mail at Du Pont from "A" Shift.

We were all glad to see Mabel Norris back for a little visit.

From what we hear, Madame Ruby predicted a bright future for Helen Stanley.

We wonder why Ruby Gravely and Elizabeth Isley like to drive to Durham so well? Could it be those curves? By Kathleen Manning

DAY CREW

SUMMARY OF THE MONTHS ACTIVITIES

Hazel Powell back after a brief illness. Thelma Leake enjoying a chicken dinner in Danville. Irene Hylton going swimming the hard way. Jewell McMillan getting a nice suntan. Bessie Hawkins and Vivian Beck all enthused over housekeeping. Gladys Young getting a promotion. Hazel Nelson serving plums to her fellow workers. Thelma Draper house hunting. Alice Nolen enjoying country life. Kathleen Owens spending her vacation at the beach. Ruby Wyatt being her same sweet self.

By Sarah Hazelwood

DAY RELIEF

IT SEEMS AS IF:

Beulah Ramsey thinks hoeing the garden is easier than washing dishes!

Magdaline Koger had a wonderful time at Kings Mountain Camp! By Polly Yates

DAY MISCELLANEOUS

Hazel Nolen reports a nice time had in Richmond.

Lottie Dodson looking forward to a quiet vacation in Norfolk.

Lucy Dandridge also looking forward to her week of leisure.

Edith Brown all smiles over her new wedding band.

Thelma Foley observed riding in a truck—some fun!

Eva Grogan doing a lot of dating lately.

We wish to welcome the "grads" from M. H. S. to Pirn Prep. for the summer. They are Evelyn Henderson, Eva Richardson and Patsy Ashbrook; also Mary Alice McMillan from Fieldale High and Nancy Lou Morris, a student at Mary Washington College last year.

We wonder if Ruby Smith's tall, dark and handsome friend could be called "Jim"?

By Gloria Bishop

POLYMER AND SPINNING

"A" SHIFT

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack L. Stultz a baby boy, Bobby Gleason and a girl, Barbara Jean. Congratulations!

Paul Gordon was a little worried when he fed his chickens one morning and they refused to eat. He had been feeding them with his necktie on, but that morning he forgot to put one on!

Akers Lawson just back from his vacation spent most of it at the Beach, and says he had a swell time!

Leo Trimm and Bob Foushee found fishing very profitable in Newport News recently.

Dewey Barker named his fishing reel "Leon" and just before he casts, he says "play it pretty, Leon" and I mean it works too!

By Worth Martin

"B" SHIFT

A few members of "B" Shift are still in service helping to finish the job that must be done if we are to exist in a world of peace. Our best wishes to the following fellows wherever they may be: Jim Bowles, Everett Clark, Grover Flippin, Fred Phillippe, Leslie Jefferson and David C. Priddy. A recent letter from Clyde Priddy says he hopes to be hoed soon. And we hope all of you will be home soon. Anyone desiring the address of these men, please contact your foreman. They would welcome a letter from any of you fellows, so come on, let's write the boys a few lines!

The Oscar Cannadays are now the proud parents of a son, Ronald Lee, who arrived June 5, at Shackelford Hospital. All are doing fine, including Oscar! Our heartiest congratulations!

We wonder why Armon Deal and Phil Osborne don't eat fish any more! Could it be that Frank Chitwood's recent fish tale has anything to do with their appetites???

We are glad to welcome Merhl Moberly back to "B" Shift after 21 months in the Navy. Nice going, Merhl!

We wish to welcome Marshall Byrd and Charlie Doughton to our Shift. Best of luck, fellows, and may your stay with us be long and pleasant.

"Sandy" Roberts, James B. Murphy, James H. Hobson and H. P. Dillon have recently returned from vacation. From the look in their eyes, we would say they enjoyed it thoroughly.

By Monsieur "X"

"C" SHIFT

Bob Hutchens and Fred Bryant are new grooms. Congratulations to both of you!

"Preacher" McGhee and "Skeeter" Shelburne are out sick. We hope you will be back with us soon.

Rufus Joyce is the champion storekeeper. He bought a store, retired three years later, and is now back with us.

Bob Munchmeyer's boy says his daddy is the "worst" softball player he ever saw. Webster's Dictionary states that "worst" means (1) to the extreme degree of badness, (2) inferior in the highest degree, (3) that which is most bad.

"Doctor" Roy Wray's remedy really cured Wes Mattox!
By Ben Gardner

"D" SHIFT

Why did Ed Compton want an additional week on his vacation? We all sweated out another budding romance!

We are sorry to report Alex Haynes will be on the sick list for a few weeks. Hurry back, Alex.

Marvin Johnson has recently transferred to the P. & S. Maintenance group.

We are glad to have Fred Newman back from the service where he served in the Pacific.

Picture of the year—Ken Stanhagen on the business end of a mop. He had to go on vacation immediately following!

Price Witt has now gone to work—his wife is now a breadwinner, so Price has to shoulder a portion of the housekeeping duties.

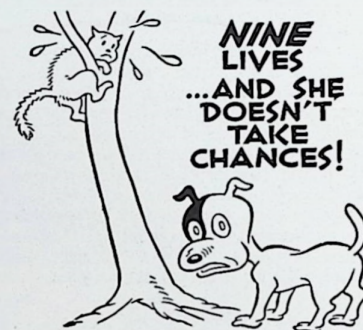
Ask Roland Rhett why Fred Robertson is known as the "water pump kid."

"Dink" Williams is enjoying a vacation with his wife just traveling around the country.

Leo Wood has recently returned from the Army where he spent considerable time in Europe. It's getting more and more like old times again!

Curtis Underwood is frantically hunting household equipment in preparation for his marriage in July.
By Arthur G. Ellis

The Blender Pup Says —



DAY CREW

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mary Turner on the death of her brother.

Wonder why Carl Pratt's nose never turns red!

Naomi has planned to go to Kentucky on her vacation since reading an interesting article in the paper? ? ? ? ?

Ada has been spending a lot of her time in Danville these days. Must be a certain guy down there, huh!

Grady Holley is on vacation. We hear he's building a new home.

By Betty Inman

DAY RELIEF

Charlie Martin has returned from a vacation looking fit as a fiddle!

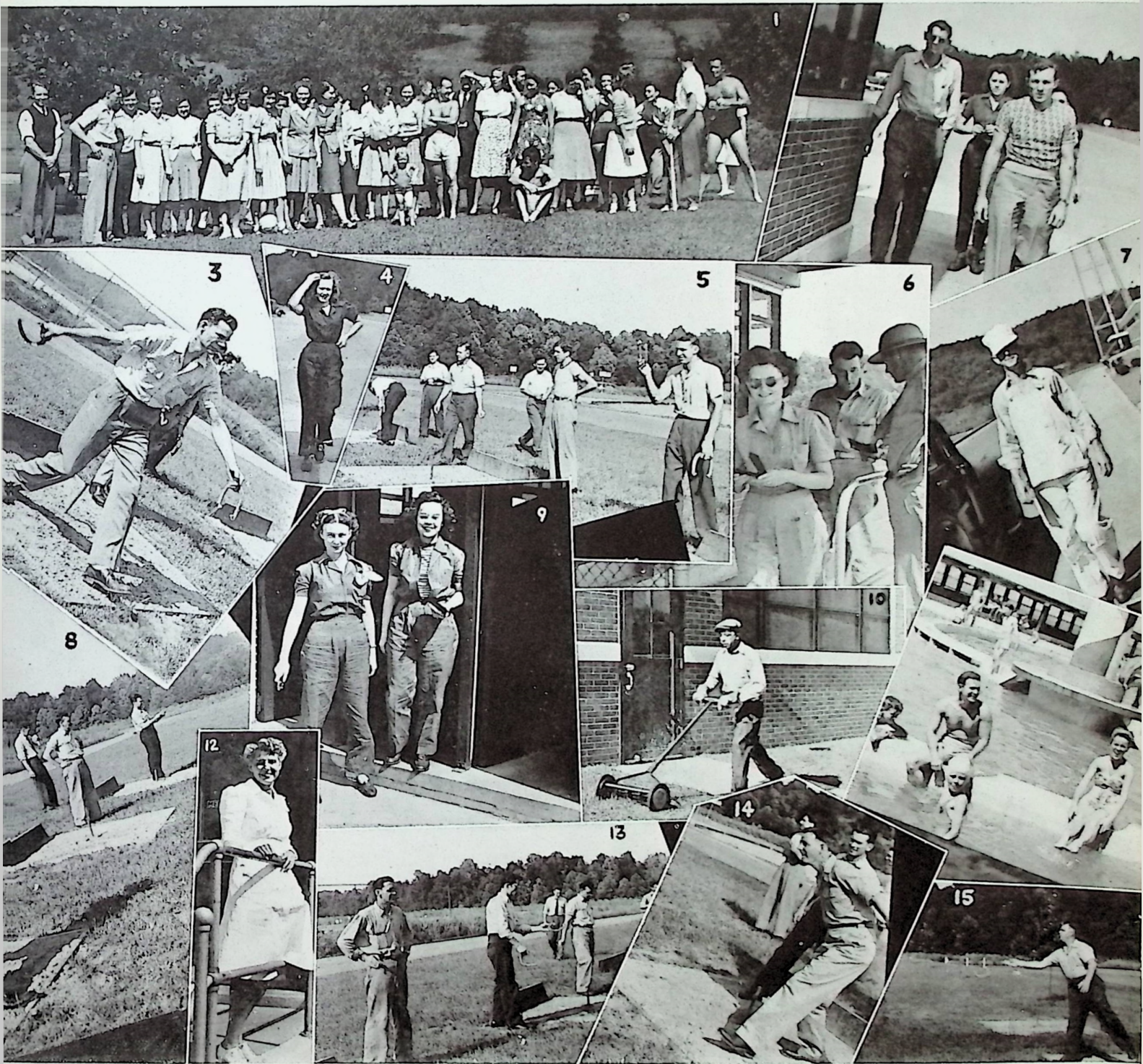
Carl Ramsey is trying mighty hard to get his new home fixed up the way he wants it!

It is getting very difficult for "Slim" Gayle to borrow money lately. It isn't that people don't trust "Slim," except he always chooses the wrong team in the softball league.

"Pat" may have gone for "Billy the Kid," before the recent Louis-Conn fight, but the loss of a few shekels will change your opinion, won't it, Aubrey?

By ? ? ? ? ?

SCATTER SHOTS

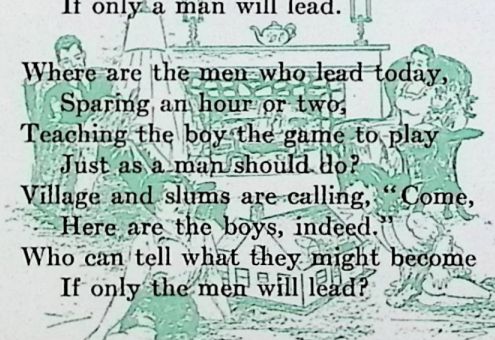


1—Remember this? It was taken at Fairystone about four years ago! 2—"Boney" Copeland, Nancy Jarrett and Nat Harlowe coming in for the 4-12 shift. 3—Is "Slim" Gayle ambidextrous, versatile or both? 4—Clock was slow so Barbara Lewis had to do the finishing touches on the way. 5—Charlie Doughton, Ted Ussery, Oscar Cannaday, Jack Comer and Roy Dodson were caught getting in a little practice before game time. 6—T. E. Jones checks in Bea and Harold Robertson. 7—Elmo Dawson shows the latest hat style for the painters. 8—Sighting the stake—Tom Wiggington; checking time—George Porter, and just standing by—George Clemens. 9—Just checked in—now Virginia Hodges and Margaret Robertson are ready for a coke and a chance to catch up on the day's gossip. 10—George DeShazo has a bit of trimming to do since all the rain. 11—Nellie Wright and friends were taking advantage of the pool on a hot day. 12—The air-conditioning for Medical works so good that Louise Compton has to come outdoors to get warm. 13—The partners for the players in Picture No. 5 are George Evans, Merhl Moberly, George Clemens and George Porter. 14—Harvey Shelton watches over Charlie Minter's shoulder as he gets down to this horseshoe business. 15—'Twas a ringer for Ted Ussery!




Wanted . . . A Man to Lead

There isn't a boy but wants to grow
Manly and true at heart,
And every lad would like to know
The secret we impart.
He doesn't desire to slack or shirk,
Oh, haven't you heard him plead?
He'll follow a man at play or work
If only a man will lead.



Where are the men who lead today,
Sparing an hour or two,
Teaching the boy the game to play
Just as a man should do?
Village and slums are calling, "Come,
Here are the boys, indeed."
Who can tell what they might become
If only the men will lead?

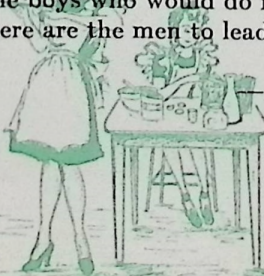
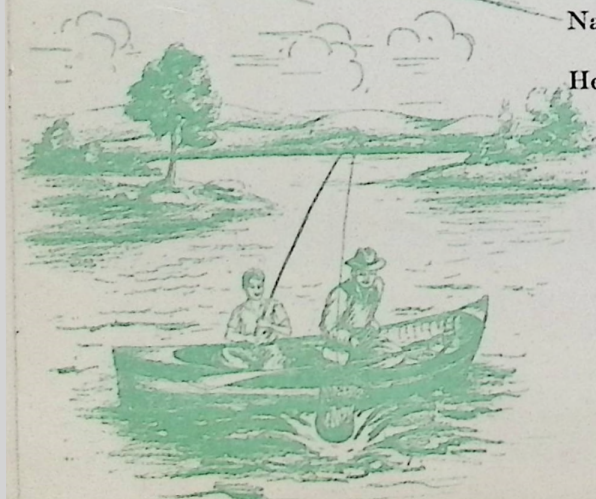


Motor and golf and winter sport
Fill up the time a lot,
But wouldn't you like to feel you'd taught
Even a boy a knot?
Country and home depend on you,
Character most we need;
How can a boy know what to do
If there isn't a man to lead?



Where are the men to lend a hand?
Echo it far and wide,
Men who will rise in every land,
Bridging the "Great Divide."
Nation and flag and tongue unite,
Joining each class and creed,
Here are the boys who would do right
But where are the men to lead?

Selected



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HISTORICAL MORGAN'S FORD

Day after day, the people of Virginia travel over ground, which, at one time or other, played an important part in the history of the Old Dominion or in the history of our country.

There are little places where not even a marker has been erected, then there are, of course, the more important, more famous places such as Charlottesville, Manassas, Chancellorsville, Appomattox, Williamsburg.

Morgan's Ford is one of the smaller, unmarked historical spots in our community which, though today it is unnoticed, played an important part in the march of General Daniel Morgan of the Colonial Army, from Lynchburg to South Carolina in 1871.

When the outbreak of war between the Colonies and England came in June, 1775, Daniel Morgan was commissioned a captain of Virginia riflemen. In the winter of that year, he accompanied General Benedict Arnold to

Canada, and in the assault on Quebec, he was forced to surrender. After his release, he joined General Horatio Gates, who was then engaged in a campaign against General Burgoyne.

Because of his great military genius, General Morgan was given command of an army which won its first battle against the British near Lynchburg. It was in moving from Lynchburg to South Carolina, that General Morgan and his army passed through Henry County and camped for awhile along the banks of the Smith River at the spot now known as Morgan's Ford (Route No. 622, at a point on the hypotenuse of a triangle between Ridgeway, Leaksville and Axton.)

General Morgan went on to defeat General Tarleton in the Battle of Cowpens, in Spartanburg County, S. C., which was the last stand of any importance in the South by the British. General Morgan served in Congress from 1797 to 1799, and died in Winchester July 6, 1802.



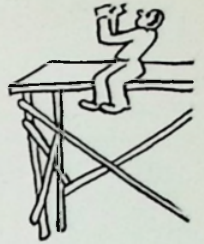
For Her Hobby--- Pitchers

Over a period of four years, Annie Hairfield, Cafeteria, collected over one hundred and sixty pitchers which are shown in the photo at left.

When asked how and why she happened to start her collection, Annie explained that when her friends took a trip, they always brought back for her some kind of present and as it turned out, most of the presents were souvenir pitchers, so that eventually she became interested in seeing how many different ones she could collect. She has some from England, Hawaii, and at least 30 of the 48 states. Her most prized pitcher, however, was given to her by her mother, who had bought it years ago when she and Annie's father first started to keep house.

Annie thinks it is a very interesting hobby until the time comes to take them all off the shelf for dusting, then she wonders if maybe she could not have found a hobby that would be a little less trouble.





There was a young worker named Cy
Whose ladder was placed way up high
Tie rope he ignored
When it slipped he was floored
And his widow now has a safe guy.

—SAFETY IKE



TO AVOID:

- Use only approved scaffolding
- Use only approved ladders, and tie off when possible
- Cover up pits, manholes, and open ditches
- Keep aisles and passage ways clear
- Don't run
- DON'T TAKE CHANCES



ARE SERIOUS

*They Are Responsible
for 4 out of 5
Major Injuries*

It Can Happen to YOU

MAINTENANCE SAFETY COMMITTEE



Boyce Dillard---15 Years

Boyce had no choice in selecting his birthplace, but with the first breath of air he voiced his hearty approval of Robertson County, Tenn., and has been constantly voicing his approval of Tennessee ever since. Although his birthplace is twenty miles away, he now calls Nashville home.

To brush up on his three "R's," Boyce attended Greenbrier School near his home. His first real job came with his employment by the Du Pont Company at Old Hickory in 1931 as a miscellaneous operator, and later as a spinner. In the early part of 1935, Boyce ("Slick" his friends called him) spent six weeks in Richmond at the Spruance Plant assisting in the training of operators for the new "bucket" plant. In 1937, he was promoted to foreman.

With the coming of nylon and the construction of the Seaford Plant in 1939, Boyce was transferred to the Experimental Station for training as foreman in the drawtwist operation prior to his subsequent transfer to Seaford in that capacity in 1940. In 1941 with the start up of this plant, he came to live in Martinsville. In May, 1945, Boyce was promoted to Supervisor "C" Shift Textile.

While Boyce stayed in Old Hickory, he lived across the street from a very pretty girl but was too bashful to press his point, finally a friend brought the two together and since November 8, 1937, it has been a permanent thing.

Now they have two sons; Boyce Taylor, Jr., age 5, and Paul Randall, age 7 weeks. There is still some question between a baseball team or a tennis doubles.

Boyce likes all sports and has many hobbies, including golf, bowling, gardening, and raising cocker spaniels. He was too modest about his bowling but finally admitted that he had several medals on record. His highest three-game average is 719 pins.



B. T. Dillard



Harrygraphs

By HARRY DAUGHTRY

Few people on the plant know that Pres Monohon, Head Clerk—Records, participated in two varsity sports while at Colgate University in 1929-30-31-32.

Pres played end on the great Colgate "Red Raiders" football team in 1932, when they earned the nation-wide reputation as the undefeated, unscored upon and the uninvited team to the Rose Bowl.

In track, Pres ran the 100-220-300 and 440, his specialty being the 220. He also had a field event specialty of throwing the discus. Pres, along with three others, who were in the same class, achieved some fame for Colgate by running together on the same mile relay team for four straight track seasons, during which they defeated such teams as Michigan State, Holy Cross, Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Columbia, Syracuse, New York University, Boston College, Army, Navy and Penn.

In addition to the above, Pres has a gold golf ball which he cherishes very highly for scoring a fully attested hole-in-one, thus, belonging to that select group.

Did you know that Marie Brown was selected as All-County Forward in Basketball when playing for Fieldale High School in 1941.

Tarleton Andes, our photographer, has a brother by the name of Milton, who was quite a wrestler while at V. P. I. in 1926-27-28-29. Milton was All Southern for four straight years and National A. A. U. Champion for 1932-33-34. In 1936, he reached the finals in the tryouts for the Olympics held that year in Amsterdam, losing out in the final match. He has for the past 10 years coached wrestling, and swimming at the Central Y. M. C. A. in Baltimore, Md.

Sports item turned in on Gene Clay, Clerk in the Power House, states that while in high school, Gene established quite a reputation as a baseball pitcher. The story goes that the opposing teams always got into a fight before each game in which Gene pitched. (Reason) Each player of the opposing team wanted to bat first.

Spencer Reynolds, member of our Guard Force, still remembers the day when he was playing second base for Bassett, Va., in the old Bi-State League and made several errors in the game that day. As it turned out all the fans ignored Spence that night while sitting out in front of the drug store, however, an old hound dog walked up to Spence and laid his head on Spence's knee as Reynolds remarked, "Come here doggie, you're the only friend a man has especially after having a bad day in baseball."

In reading the sports sheet of a nearby newspaper last week, I read a new version of "Casey At The Bat," which I think all baseball fans would like, so I'm passing it along.

WILLIAMS AT THE BAT

The outlook was quite brilliant for the junior league that day
The pick of major leaguers met in Boston for to play:
The junior league had Feller to place upon the mound;
Its roster of great sluggers with power did abound.

With Keller, Doerr, and Vernon—three batsmen of great might—
The juniors faced the contest with hearts and spirits bright;
But of the baseball talent partaking of the game,
The brightest star was lanky—Ted Williams was his name.

Up to the plate went Williams for his initial try;
He looked at Passeau's pitches with shrewd and seasoned eye.
But Claude Passeau was cautious in pitching to the ace:
He gave the mighty Williams a free pass to first base.

The next hurler was Higbe to face the mighty man:
Expectant were the players, and tense was every fan.
There was the sound of thunder as Higbe pitched the ball—
And in the central bleachers the screaming pill did fall!

Two singles followed quickly in two trips to the bat.
The senior league was jumpy, the patrons tensely sat,
While Williams kept on driving to home the vital runs.
The sound of Williams' clouting was like discharging guns.

And as the waxing shadows began to slowly fall,
Ted Williams faced Rip Sewell and his odd bloopster ball.
Out of the teeming bleachers there came an eager roar
Of frenzied patrons shouting, "Oh, Williams, give us more!"

And Williams, quite obliging, jumped on a bloopster throw—
Beyond the blue horizon the blazing ball did go!
The crowd's frenzied ovation reached up to heaven's dome,
As once again Ted Williams went trotting into home.

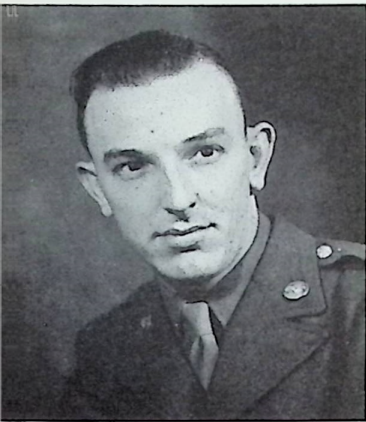
The fans of ancient Mudville most sadly wept and wailed,
When in a spot of tightness their mighty Casey failed;
But fans way up in Boston with happiness did shout
In praise of their Ted Williams who never once struck out.

Receive Discharge

EX-SGT. FRED NEWMAN

Fred was inducted into the Army June 19, 1944, and for basic training was sent to Ft. Knox, Ky. In September, he went to Mechanics School for two months. His unit assignment was to the 28th Tank Battalion at Ft. Jackson, S. C. On July 5, 1945, his unit left for the Pacific. They made the original landing on Leyte and followed the campaign on to Manila, where he spent the next ten months.

It was May 7, 1946, when Fred landed in Frisco on his way to Ft. Bragg, for discharge, which he received May 17. He is now back on the job on "D" Shift, P. and S.



EX-LT. HARVEY GWYN

Harvey's first contact with the Army came at Aberdeen Proving Grounds January 14, 1943. On completion of "basic," he applied for and was appointed to O. C. S. in the Medical Administration Corps. On completion of the course, he was assigned to the Regional Hospital at Camp Barkley, Tex., as Physical and Educational Instructor for convalescent patients. During his 20 months stay at Camp Barkley, Harvey received special orders to take a four weeks course in physical and educational training at Washington and Lee University.

His discharge became effective July 4, 1946, and he has returned to his old job as foreman in Textile.



GEORGE BOONE, EX-W. O. J. G.

George left his job in Accounting and was inducted April 27, 1943, he received his basic at Camp Claiborne, and following this, was assigned to a Forestry Battalion stationed on the camp.

In March, 1944, George was transferred to the Ordnance Department for work in the Detroit Ordnance District on contract termination for the Motor Vehicle Division, U. S. Army.

George was discharged at Camp Meade, May 21, and has returned to work in the Accounting Section.



EX-CPL. ROBERT MORRIS

For basic training, Bob was assigned to the Coast Artillery at Bethany Beach, Del., July 16, 1943. Following that he went to Camp Shelby, Miss., for training in Field Artillery. He left the states in January, 1945, for France where he joined the 546th. Field Artillery, which fought its way through to Daaden, Germany, before the war's end. During the occupation, Bob was in charge of a hunting detail, responsible for keeping venison on the menu for the 546th, and deer were plentiful in that section of the Reich.

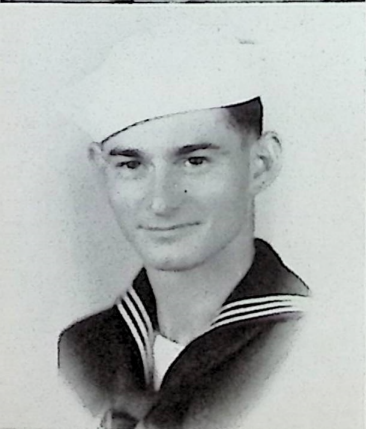
Bob left Europe April 3, for the return trip home and received his discharge April 16, 1946. He is now on "D" Shift, P. & S.



EX-S 2/c JOHN S. LUTHER

"Sammy" left the Project Engineering Group the middle of August, 1945, to be inducted into the Navy at the Naval Training Station at Samson, N. Y. On completion of "boot" he was transferred to the Naval Training Station at Norfolk for assignment to the District Welfare and Recreation Office for clerical work.

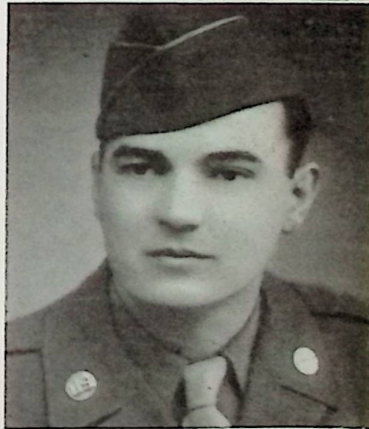
He was discharged at the Shelton Separation Center May 21, 1946, and reported back to work June 10.



EX-SGT. JOHN DALTON

John was inducted September 21, 1944, and was sent to Camp Croft for his basic training. February 4, of the next year, found him in Le Havre, France, on his way to St. Nazaire where he was assigned to the 66th Division, 262d Infantry Regiment, as rifleman. The 262d had been assigned the holding of 50,000 Nazis in a pocket at St. Nazaire. At the end of the war, John was assigned occupational duty with the M. P.'s codling Germany until May 25, 1946.

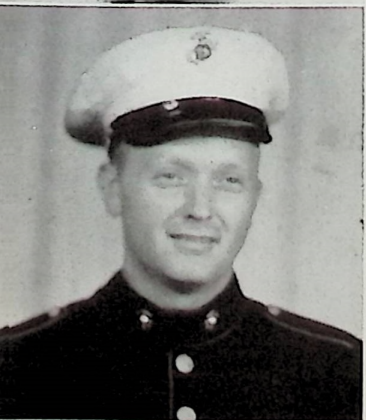
His discharge was effective June 6, and he is back on "B" Shift, P. & S.



EX-PFC. FRANK BARR

Little did Frank realize when he was inducted in April, 1945, that he was Marine material, but it didn't take long for him to learn the Marine way of doing things, especially in the Recreation Group at Parris Island.

He says it is quite a job planning and carrying on any kind of scheduled recreation program for 5,000 young men who all have their idea of how the various games should be played, so it was without regret when he was told that he was up for discharge June 4, 1946.



EX-PFC. CALBERT HAIRSTON

Calbert was inducted into the Army December 27, 1943. He says he always will be grateful to Uncle Sam for letting him spend that Christmas at home.

After "basic," Calbert was shipped overseas to join the Seventh Army, in Strasburg, Germany. When the war ended, he was in Gunzburg. During his stay overseas, he operated a sewing machine, repairing uniforms for enlisted men, officers and nurses in the Seventh.

He received his discharge at Ft. Meade, March 23, and returned to work in the Cafeteria June 20.



If You Were on the Receiving End

Have you ever made a phone call and been greeted with "Awright" or "Start talking"? Have you ever received a call and when answering been greeted with "Hold the line, please, Mr. Smith will talk to you" then have to wait five minutes until Mr. Smith gets good and ready to state his case? Does it make you feel like ramming the whole phone system down Mr. Smith's throat?

There is possibly none of us who do not at one time or other use bad manners when using the telephone, yet it is one of today's most important means of communication. Bad telephone manners are usually due to lack of imagination, rather than intention, we never stop to think how unpleasant our own voice may be to the party on the other end.

The voice is so important that special attention should be paid to enunciation, pronunciation and tone. Since we do not have television with our telephones, the conversation is stripped of facial expressions, gestures, and smiles, which in face to face talking will offset abruptness and curtness. When you answer the telephone you make a distinct impression as when you look up from your desk to greet a caller. Answer your telephone promptly and pleasantly. Announce your name or the name of the area at once. Don't just say "Hello."

It often happens when using a dial phone that the caller may get his numbers mixed or put his finger in the wrong hole, in which case say, "I'm sorry, I have the wrong number," rather than just hanging up. If your number is called by mistake, don't fly off the handle and give the caller a piece of your mind. We all make mistakes sooner or later.

When a cut-off occurs, *the one who was called should hang up immediately*. For if both are trying to re-establish the connection neither will succeed. The originator of the call again makes the contact through his operator.

Some people conduct their telephone conversations as though they were at afternoon tea parties. Usually the person who began the conversation should end it, unless it drags on and on in which case the one called should bring the conversation to a close as tactfully as you would extricate yourself from a face to face bore.

These are only a few of the practices which make for good manners in telephone usage, yet some of us violate these practices everyday only because we do not use our imagination and realize how we would sound if we were on the receiving end.

For further reference on this subject, we refer you to the book "Profits From Courtesy" in the Plant library.

Hamp O'Neal---15 Years

When "Hamp" was interviewed for this write-up on his fifteen years' service with the company, the interviewer found him willing and interested in talking about anything but himself. His usual good humor, poise and modesty give him a personality that fits any occasion or place. In fact he is such an all-around person that his friends almost take him for granted (that is because he doesn't give them anything to talk about).

He's a bachelor! Shall we give him credit for being smart, too? He seems to have no biased opinions of the opposite sex, in fact he is a ladies' man. And heresay has it that he was interested in "Clara" at one time. That was campus gossip when he attended Rice Institute at Houston, Texas. While there he was an honor student.

Hamp was born in Gatesville, Texas, in 1907. He finished High School at Goodlettsville, Tenn., which is near Nashville.

He first worked for Du Pont Construction at Old Hickory, Tenn., in 1924, but that was during the summer when he was going to school. His Du Pont career really started with construction in 1933 at Old Hickory. He is familiar with Richmond, Birmingham, Baton Rouge, Baltimore and Waynesboro. In 1939 he was transferred to the Nylon Division at Seaford, and in 1941 came to Martinsville as Power House Supervisor. It was February 9th of this year he was appointed Power Supervisor.

His foremost hobby is golf (Champ O'Neal). He is fond of hunting, plays excellent poker, and takes an active part in community activities.

In general he is a good all-around sport, but along with his dependable nature, he is always conservative. The girls may think too much so.

"Hamp" gives the impression that he is just "an ordinary guy," but from his many friends we invariably hear one remark—"He's Tops."



Hamp O'Neal



Are You Ready?

The deadline date for the First Annual Picture Contest sponsored by THE BLENDER is fast approaching—September 15.

Anyone and everyone on the Martinsville Plant roll is invited to enter except the judges, THE BLENDER staff, and/or those who have done photographic work for pay.

See June issue of THE BLENDER for contest details.

Time is a-wastin'!

HURRY!

HURRY!

HURRY!

Joined Du Pont Five Years Ago



Bob Morris, P. & S.



Bob Clary—Power



Frank Barr—Power



Clair Phillips—Power



Bill Williams—Power



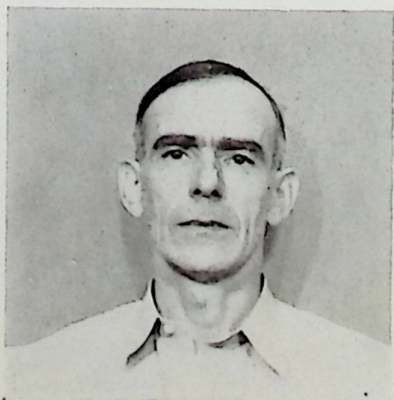
Bob Mitchell—Power



Juanita Custer—Stores



Harry Walker—Prot.



Sam Ferguson—Power



Jim Thomas—M. & S.
Seven



John Handy—Maint.

Did You Know?

... that a fee of \$1.00 was all that the Du Pont Company received from the United States for designing, building, and operating the great plutonium plant at Hanford, Wash., which was the kingpin unit of atomic energy production?

... that after the company had paid its taxes and settled all other bills due, its compensation for building and operating government-owned war plants amounted to less than $\frac{2}{5}$ of 1% of the combined construction and operating costs?

... that the amount paid out yearly by Du Pont on account of disability benefits, life insurance, pension, and other voluntary commitments on behalf of its 78,000 employees, is more than five times the amount paid for benefits required by law, such as Social Security and Workmen's Compensation?

... that military explosives made up only one-fourth of the value of all Du Pont products manufactured in World War II, but that the amount of such explosives turned out was one-fifth greater than the entire volume used by all of the Allies in World War I?

... that during the last three years of the war, production was more than doubled in Du Pont-owned chemical plants as compared to the 1939 volume of those plants?

... that Du Pont employees during World War II suffered only one-tenth as many time-losing accidents, per million man-hours worked, as did the workers in all U. S. industry?

... that 27,800 men and women were on the Du Pont pay rolls at the end of 1945, helping to make and sell products which either didn't exist in 1925 or which the company did not then manufacture on a commercial scale?

In other words, Du Pont research has created roughly 1,400 new Du Pont jobs every year of the past 20 years.

Quiz Quotes

What Was Your Childhood Ambition and Why?



LEWIS ROBERTS, *Cafeteria*—Frankly I suppose I did not actually have any particular goal in sight when I was a kid. I just kinda grew up. When I went in the Army, I was assigned to the kitchen. After I learned the work, I liked it so I decided to just be a cook. I was satisfied with playing marbles and baseball when I was a young feller.



DORIS WOODALL, *Inspection*—I had always wanted to be a nurse, I guess mostly because I have relatives who are nurses. I even took courses in high school in preparation for nursing but when I graduated I took this job and have since gotten married, so I guess the idea of being a nurse was just a childhood dream after all. I am now thinking about being a model housewife.



JEWELL McMILLAN, *Textile*—My favorite game, when I was a little girl, was playing "grown-ups" so I guess mostly I wanted to be a mother. I had four dolls for which I kept house, which, by the way, is a big family. It kept me pretty busy having "tea parties" for them.



CHARLOTTE PERRY, *Textile*—I had always thought how wonderful it was for some people to help other people get well so I wanted to be a nurse. My aunt was a nurse and, of course, I looked on her as some sort of "angel." I liked nothing better than to use her thermometer and kit, to take care of my dolls which were, of course, always sick.



PAUL MASON, *Shipping*—I wanted to swim, play cowboys, and shoot marbles when I was real young; then later I thought it was wonderful how my Dad, who was a carpenter, could take pieces of wood and make such nice things from them so I wanted to be a carpenter. After I had played a little baseball in center field for Bassett High School, I wanted to be another Babe Ruth.



MARION DURHAM, *Maintenance*—I wanted to be a big leaguer in baseball—catcher. I also thought I wanted to play football on a big college team. Then I wanted to be a mechanic, and spent most of my time tearing up things and "trying" to put them together again. As anyone can plainly see, the last idea is the one that stuck. Incidentally, I have a nice shop at home.

Watch Those Sun Glasses!



(The following information was taken from an article appearing in the July "Hygeia." Reprint permission was secured from Hygeia in the belief that many people, including the Editor, may have the wrong slant on sun glasses.)—Ed.

Each year some 20,000,000 pairs of dark glasses are sold in the United States for the ostensible purpose of providing eye comfort and protection. And each summer finds an increasing number of people with inflamed, swollen, irritated eyes, many of whom complain of blind spots. Says one prominent ophthalmologist: "The eye 'comfort' provided by dark glasses is deceptive; in most cases no protection exists at all."

The sun's radiation is made up of different kinds of rays: besides the visible light rays, there are the invisible ultraviolet and infrared (heat) rays. Like any piece of smoked or tinted glass, cheap sun glasses will cut down the brilliant visible rays and glare of sunlight, but they will not effectively filter out the invisible and possibly harmful rays. Normally, in bright sunlight, the iris narrows to admit just the right amount of light needed to produce an image clearly on the retina at the rear of the inner eyeball. But dark glasses cut down the visible light, causing the iris to open wider and expose the sensitive interior of the eye.

The eye naturally copes with a moderate amount of ultraviolet and infrared radiation, which some ophthalmologists believe may even be beneficial. However, exposure to excessive ultraviolet radiation can produce conjunctivitis. Some of the longer ultraviolet rays may pass through the cornea and reach the crystalline lens, causing it to fluoresce and interfere with normal vision.

The infrared rays may do even deeper damage. If you look directly at the sun, and then look away, you may notice a dark spot which persists for a little while even with the eyes closed. This is the afterimage of the sun, scorched lightly on the retina by the heat rays. After a moment or two the black spot disappears. But if you stare long enough at the sun—even through dark glasses—a persistent black spot may permanently mar your field of vision. Despite the dark glasses (and with their help!) the eye lens has focused the infrared heat rays to burn a spot on the innermost membrane of the seeing apparatus.

Since even ordinary colorless glass will absorb *some* of

the ultraviolet waves, almost any type of sun glasses may be said to afford partial protection against these radiations. But ordinary dark glasses—such as are sold cheaply by

every dime store, drug counter, or seaside street vendor—will not suffice for protection, the doctors warn. These lenses are usually made of ordinary glass into which one of several metal oxides has been mixed for coloring.

"Scientifically speaking," says Dr. Arno E. Town, assistant clinical professor of ophthalmology at New York University, "the best sun glass is one which absorbs the ultraviolet and infrared rays, and partially and evenly absorbs the colors of the spectrum so there will be no change in the color scheme of nature."

Such sun spectacles are obtainable at most optical shops at prices ranging from \$1 to \$15. Excellent glasses, made of ground and polished *optical glass*, which will absorb both ultraviolet and infrared rays, and cut down the invisible radiation to within comfortable limits, can be had for as little as \$3.50.

Polarized lenses for sun glasses contain a film, laminated between glass layers which filters out most of the reflected glare, such as that from water or wet pavement. Some eye doctors maintain that this advantage is offset by the fact that most polarized glasses have flat (instead of convex) lenses and tend to reflect a certain amount of light into the eyes. Curved lenses of this type of glass are acceptable and will again be available before long.

As to the color of sun glasses, the Army Air Forces settled on a sage green lens because it does not distort natural colors. This is of importance if the glasses are to be worn while driving, since certain colors, like deep amber, will cause you to confuse the red and green lights. According to the National Bureau of Standards, yellow-green or green-yellow tints cause the least color distortion.

Dr. Town canvassed the opinions of a representative group of American ophthalmologists on the subject of sun glasses. They all agreed that only ground and polished lenses should be worn, and then *only while the wearer is in the bright sun*. "Fifty per cent are of the opinion that they may be harmful if used otherwise," Dr. Town reports.

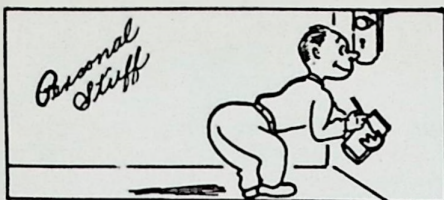
It may cost more to obtain ground and polished sun glasses from optical shops, but it is the only safe way.



The Right Thing To Do

Summertime is wedding time, and time to brush up on your wedding manners. A wedding invitation to a church ceremony *only* does not require an answer, unless one is specifically requested. An invitation which includes a wedding reception, however, should always be answered promptly. At the wedding, never congratulate the bride. You give her your best wishes, and extend your congratulations to the bridegroom.

At night, a not only annoying but dangerous driver to meet is one who will not dim his headlights, although knowing perfectly well that other drivers facing him are made helplessly blind by the full blaze of light in their eyes.



POLYMER AND SPINNING

"A" SHIFT

We welcome Al Flaherty, Foreman, to the shift. We wonder:

Why Syl Prichard used his safety award as a gift?

Why Grover Keys was in Martinsville on his day off?

Who will get the trip to Greenwich Village from second floor?

If Paul Gordon still wants to trade the Plymouth for a Pontiac after advice from Roy Richardson?

If Clyde Lawson is settled in his new home yet?

What was the topic of Cooper and McNeely's conversation to and from Danville?

Could Bill Turner get along without his pipe? If the boys are going to hold Wade Lawrence to his promise about the softball team?

How Curtis Harmon spends his time?

Last but not least, why is Norman Edwards always in a hurry to get home after 4 to 12 shift?

By Curtis H. Martin

"B" SHIFT

We welcome Morton Wyatt and Willis Bussard to our shift.

Fred Gilley and family recently motored to Myrtle Beach, S. C., for the week-end.

The Oscar Cannadays are now living in their new house at Collinsville.

Nelson Scott, Herb Dillon, John Tuggle, and Tommy Wigginton made a fishing expedition to Back Bay, Va. P. S.—"B" Shift fish fry was indefinitely postponed. Same old story, "You should have seen the ones that got away."

"Chubby" Baldwin is becoming quite a crooner these days with a technique all his own; neither Crosby nor Sinatra. Just lend an ear sometime when all is well on the second floor.

"Hop" Hobson seems a bit slimmer since his vacation in Tennessee. Hop could run Lewis Brown a close second; (if not win) for the title of "Mighty Mouse."

Willie Cook's "Pepsodent smile" seems a little broader these days, since hearing of John Tuggle's fishing luck.

Employee Suggestions Adopted

July, 1946

POLYMER AND SPINNING

Syl V. Pritchard
James L. Wood
Curtis H. Martin
Howard D. McNeely
Vance Prillaman
Paul E. Willis
Oscar P. Cannaday
German L. Shields
Lewis E. Brown

POWER

J. B. Longworth (2)
Harvey L. Compton
C. F. Phillips
Vieva C. Snead

TEXTILE

Theresa Critz

MAINTENANCE

Owen C. Thomasson
James R. Plaster
T. D. Alexander
Willie M. Caldwell

PROCESS CONTROL

Grace Prillaman

SERVICE

John L. Wilson

Ike Anderson and Jim Taylor are doing very well as "The Carriageless Casanova" 'oe td Jim's recent auto accident. Fortunate Jim's wasn't injured seriously. By ? ? ? ? ?

"C" SHIFT

We wish to welcome Curtis Conner to our shift.

The golf-bug has bitten Perry Brown and Clark Grant; with the assistance of Caddy-Instructor Briggs they are doing fine.

Our shift picnic was very successful and every one had a fine time, even if we didn't have any salt for the hard-boiled eggs.

Posey Dalton is really the man about town these days.

Fred Bryant's car burned up completely, just when he had gotten it in good shape.

Walt Weaver is the proud papa of a fine baby girl.

Ben Gardner has been reducing until he is skin and bones. He only weighs 218 pounds now.

By Ben Gardner

"D" SHIFT

We feature this month some of our past and present "fly boys." We feel that the instigators of the cafeteria "hanger flying" should be recognized.

Today Clif Dishman made two "three-pointers" for his first solo attempt. Clif, like many others, is learning to fly under the G. I. Bill of Rights.

Recently Bruce Jones soloed. He's the only man we know who can make more landings than take-offs; he averages 5 to 1.

Roland Rhett has been flying for several years. At present Roland takes to the "wild blue yonder" whenever he can find a plane.

Arthur Ellis was an A. T. C. aerial engineer during the war, and spent his hours on board several kinds of craft all over the world, putting in a total of 1,400 flight hours.

Reeford Kitts served as aerial gunner and tow target specialist for three years in the Navy.

Bill Fowke drove a B-24 around for a couple of years. Now he's very happy on the ground with his head in the clouds.

And "D" Shift has its share of potential pilots, too numerous to name, flying automobiles.

By Arthur G. Ellis

DAY CREW

"Si Pan" Stanley has been under the doctor's care lately. We hope the Day Crew will be a real cure for him, or will it?

The Day Crew and Navy Men welcome Bob "Russia" Morris.

We hope Mary Turner is having a nice rest while on vacation.

By Betty Inman

DAY RELIEF

Carl Ramsey likes the Polymer Area job.

Bernard Turner always thinks about gigging frogs and catching a lot of fish.

"Slim" Boyle did a big job the other day against "All Others" when he was playing softball for "A" Shift.

Aubrey Patterson is getting plenty of training on 3d floor with all of these denier changes coming up.

George Hubbard is helping Day Relief out while Murray Bryant is on vacation.

By Bernard Turner

POWER SERVICE

The Power Service Group is glad to welcome Ross Yearout back from the Army.

C. R. Carmichael seems to be whole and hearty again after his recent case of mumps.

Bill Holland left the gang recently and intends to enter the University of Richmond this fall. Good luck, Billy! By Harold Justice

The Blender Pup Says —

THE VICTIM
SEES
NUTHIN' FUNNY
IN
HORSEPLAY



PROCESS CONTROL

The big news in the Standard Practice Group is the blessed event to Mr. and Mrs. Ainsley. It's a boy; George said it was worth waiting for.

We are sorry John Prillaman's health has been off standard.

Charlie Davis' pulse is beating a little faster now. In the September BLENDER we'll give the final report.

New girls still keep coming to the P. T. Lab. The nylon welcome mat is laid out for Ethel Smith, Winifred Walker, and Fannie Finney.

Ina Woodall now spells her last name Walker. Congratulations, Ina! Mae Webster liked another name better, so it's now Mae Bryant.

The new faces in the Control Lab are Laura Slaydon, Esther Moore, Elizabeth Reed and Eldean Hazelwood. Welcome, girls, and help yourself to a test tube!

By John Prillaman

PROCESS DEVELOPMENT

Paul Cooper is vacationing in Ohio with his wife and new son. Congratulations, Paul, and don't forget the cigars and candy!

Bob Beaumert has found an apartment and is now awaiting the arrival of his wife and accumulation of boxes (for chairs) to throw his housewarming party.

Anyone knowing any sure cure for chiggers, please advise George Hunter, but we'll bet he's already tried it.

Ray Lowe proved his merit as an outdoor cook on Grill's grill.

By Marge Russell

INSPECTION AND SHIPPING

George Shough, after a week's illness, reported for work and was sent home by the Medical Section. Better luck next time.

We were told that Paul Mason is really working on his vacation. Hurry back, Paul, and get some rest.

Petty, Powell and McMillan are anticipating big vacations in that order.

When you have a spare moment, contact Doris Woodall, she has plenty of reading material.

Jerry Mahaffey's past is catching up with her. She has started seeing white cats in her sleep.

Inspection wishes Gloria Vaughn the best of luck on her new job.

Curtis Fain is advertising for a guest to take on the area picnic. (Preferably a girl.)

We wonder why Bailey H. is seen around Ridgeway so much. We bet our guess is right.

We are afraid Estelle Smith will decide to go to Rocky Mount, if he doesn't come to Martinsville.

Helen McKamey decided to change her name to Taylor. Best wishes, Helen!

By Louise Robertson and
"Panky" Pankovich

VERNON CATCHES A BIG ONE



As long as there are fish and fishermen, there will always be fish stories. Clarence Vernon, Prod. Control, started telling one of his the other day in the cafeteria during lunch and it was such a whopper that the faces of his listeners began to show expressions of doubt which eventually turned into verbal disbelief.

The next day in came "Vernon" with the above photo as positive proof of his ability as a fisherman. Vernon is the one third from left (standing, not hanging); his catch is the dolphin, second from left, and the Amber Jack, last on the hook.

He still has no proof of the one that got away, that was thisssssss big!



The Importance of Proper Vision

From the establishment of its operating policies by management to the delivery of the finished product, the industrial process is dependent upon vision—proper vision. From the time we rise in the morning till we go to sleep at night we depend on our eyes and their ability to see to get us safely through the day, whether it be at work or during the playtime hours.

Inability to see properly cost the lives of hundreds of people annually both in and out of industry. According to National Safety Council figures, \$20,000,000 is the direct compensation and medical cost each year for accidents to eyes. No one knows what portion of industrial accidents, costing 460 million dollars annually, happened because of inefficient vision.

With the average individual, vision decreases as age increases. For instance, between the ages of 20 to 30, 40

per cent of the people have defective vision, between the ages of 40 to 50, 72 per cent have defective vision and when the age bracket gets up to over 60, 95 per cent have defective vision.

After looking at these figures is there any doubt that anything we can do to safeguard our eyes and vision would not be worth while? If you plan to be out in the bright sun for very long periods at a time, wear a pair of smoked or dark glasses which will diminish the amount of glare and diminish the stress and strain on the eyes, which will, in turn, increase their term of good vision (see Page 9). We have only the eyes with which we were born, to use a lifetime, glass eyes cannot see, and although glasses help correct improper vision they will not cure it.

Protect your eyes in every way you know.

TEXTILE

"A" SHIFT

WHAT I WOULD DO ON A TWO WEEKS VACATION:

BILLY SMITH—Get married and go on a honeymoon for two weeks.

EUGENE WAGONER—Florida for one week and to the mountains to fish the second.

NEIL MURPHY—Florida for two weeks.

PEACH WOOD—The beach and sleep two weeks.

EVA NOLEN—The beach and take life easy.

CONNIE LINEBERRY—Fly to Portland, Ore., on a honeymoon.

GLYNDA VERNON—Off to the mountains where it is nice and quiet.

JESSIE STEAGALL—To the beach where there is always fun.

HELEN INGRAM—To the country and do nothing but sleep and eat.

JULIE DAVIS—Stay home and take life easy.

We miss the following people from "A" Shift: Pauline Gardner, transferred to days, Winifred Walker, Ethel Smith, and Mildred Finney to P. T. Lab.

Welcome to "A" Shift, Gloris Vaughn.

By Grace Odell

"B" SHIFT

Ruth Eanes and Sarah Craig are having quite a bit of tire trouble these days. Does some one have an extra rabbit's foot?

Was everyone surprised when Lora Jones and Marie Ingram returned from their vacation addressed as Mrs. Adkins and Mrs. Martin, respectively! Congratulations, Girls! !!

Narva Lee says she really likes the Fun House at Lakeside, must be that guy she met.

Frances Tyree fooled the "B" Shift girls by returning from her Maryland vacation still addressed as Miss Tyree.

Pricie Ramsey says her vacation was the best yet. Have you seen that diamond?

By Macel Jones

"C" SHIFT

Welcome to "C" Shift, Jessie Crews, Lena Quinn, Virginia Cook and Virginia Boswell, Evelyn Norman, and Ralph Sherry.

Elaine Grogan is back with us after a recent appendectomy. Good to see you back on the job, gal!

Have you seen the new "sparklers" on Posie Jones' and Doris Hylton's third fingers, left hand? Does it mean wedding bells in the near future?

Congratulations to the bride of the month. Lucile Martin is now Mrs. Whitlow.

Christine Wingfield will take you riding in her new car, if you have good insurance. She hasn't learned to operate it yet, but all four fenders are still intact.

"C" Shift reports a swell time at a chicken fry at Fairystone Park, even though the chicken was late. How about it, Hilda and Buck?

By Posie Jones

"D" SHIFT

We wish to welcome to "D" Shift, two new girls, Jeanette Newman and Mae Fulcher, also our two new foreladies, Elva Turner and Zelma Jarrett.

We wish success to the following girls who have left "D" Shift: Evelyn Norman to forelady training, Elizabeth Reed, Eldean Hazelwood to Process Control, and Elizabeth Manning to pin prep.

Everyone was glad to see Anna Rutledge back "in the groove" after a long illness.

Bea Whitlow says that somebody in Richmond is what she "likes about the South."

Losia Rorrer was seen with a diamond on her hird finger, left hand.

Ruby Hylton not only got a two weeks vacation, she got a husband too. When she returns to work she will be addressed as Mrs. Curtis Underwood. Congratulations, are also in order for Nancy Smith who is now Mrs. Melvin Stanley and Dorothy Lancaster is now Mrs. George Hundlee.

By ? ? ? ? ?

DAY MISCELLANEOUS

We are sorry to hear of Kay Gunter Beard's illness and hope she will be with us again, soon.

Has Nancy Lee Morris fallen out with Stoneville, N. C.?

Evelyn Henderson seems to be very interested in baseball these days! !!

What great event did Patsy Ashbrooke celebrate on July 15? P. S. It wasn't her birthday.

We are glad to have Cassie Allen back after a recent illness.

Mary Foley was confined at home with the mumps.

We hear that Lucy Dandridge is still afraid of motorcycles!

By Gloria Bishop

DAY CREW

Thelma Draper and Ruby are waiting for the day they can occupy their new homes.

Alice Nolen is planning a trip to Canada.

Lillie Peters is being chased by the game warden.

Kathleen Owens is holding on to that beautiful sultan.

Lucille Whitt is showing some prize-winning pin-up pictures.

Vivian Beck is sporting a new hair-do.

Carleen and Marleen Matthews are looking forward to their vacation—next year.

Thelma Marshall is keeping that mischievous twinkle in her eye.

By Sarah Hazelwood

DAY RELIEF

We want to congratulate Irene Bowling who is now addressed as Mrs. Harold Thomason.

Jewel Jones wishes some one would keep her informed so she could get angry at the right times.

Lovelene Frith says Beulah Ramsey sure can tell some wild stories, especially about pins.

Judy Wilson thinks the Smoky Mountains are a grand place to spend a vacation. (She should know.)

Polly Yates must like chicken, she goes to enough chicken fries. (Maybe it isn't the chicken!)

Vergie Souther says she is going to do a lot of horseback riding while on vacation. Who has a tall tale? ?

By Polly Yates

P. & S. MAINTENANCE

Welcome to P. & S. Maintenance, F. P. Copeland, better known as "Bonney."

Fred Bostick is trying to interest Handy in keeping a pet skunk.

The boys in the pump room tell some big tales about Richard Witt's tomatoes. From the size, Richard must have gotten them mixed with pumpkins.

Thurman Painter has bought a car for his son.

Roy Hodnett is taking that long looked for vacation; Roy will spend a while in Delaware, where he and a few of his buddies will get together.

By T. D. Alexander

ACCOUNTING

ENOUGH SAID

News items! News items! what a bore Now that the stenogs won't tell what they do any more.

I've racked my brain to disclose some facts But there'll be nothing definite till Mary F. gets back.

The rumors come and the rumors go, 'Tis only Mary who can put you in the "know."

ENOUGH SAID.

There is something, however, I know is true And with plenty of space I could tell you. Harry, our Ed., being kinda tight, Would delete my narration for a single night. This exciting adventure covered a whole week-end.

The excursion of Emilie Franklin and friend, Friday found them at the Casablanca for dinner and dancing.

Saturday at Fairystone for picnicking and romancing.

ENOUGH SAID.

I'm sure there are other things about the Stenogs I could tell

But as detective-reporter I don't do very well So to add to this "corn" I'd like to say—

Keep me posted or the news will always sound this way.

ENOUGH SAID.

George Boone came to work with a very prominent cut on his forehead. His explanation was reasonable. He hit a pipe while swimming. Who wants to look at a pipe around a swimming pool?

Bob Whitfield has been bringing samples of his roses. He always has a name for each one even though they look alike. Is there another rose expert we can check these names with? (See Cy Fraser.—Ed.)

By Ruth Stultz

MEDICAL

A recent issue of *Life* magazine has taken on a special meaning for Marge Jacobs. Let us gals know how it works, Marge!

The aching gap left by Hilma Nease's departure from the Medical Section is being filled by Liza DeShazo, whom we welcome most heartily. We hope we won't have to dole out too many headache pills to you, Liza!

The beach is being steadily brightened this summer with nurses. Louise Compton and Frances Richardson held the sands down during the same week, and returned to prove the sun was out in the daytime. Grethel is gracing the beach at Moorehead City at this very moment.

Marie Bryant learned, in her swimming course, that by jumping into the deep water backwards, one can get a lifeguard to save one. Now she is indulging in big, thick steaks to prepare for the fatal plunge.

By Marge Jacobs



Safety Suggestions Adopted

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New Automotive Lacquer

Du Pont chemists have developed "Duco" Metalli-Chrome pyroxylin lacquer—which is extremely durable and of surpassing beauty. Utilizing new pigment techniques, Metalli-Chrome provides rich, lustrous color effect. Because of the exceptional translucency of the film, light penetrates it and is reflected to the eye from within, instead of from the surface of the finish. The glowing effect is enhanced by small particles of aluminum which act as tiny mirrors, diffusing and reflecting light within the film.

This new finish in various shades and hues was exhibited to the press and automobile manufacturers at Detroit, early in May. Eleven 1946 models were displayed. Also shown in a rainbow arrangement were more than 200 grays, greens, and browns, comprising the Metalli-Chrome color "families."

These translucent metallics, moreover, present to the eye a startling color variation as the lighting alters or the angle of one's vision shifts. For example, a reddish-brown changes all the way over to gray-brown. Burnished gold and shades of bronze are in the gamut of new colors. What appears to be a deep black in subdued light becomes a warm gunmetal in the sun.

"Duco" Metalli-Chrome was developed in the same Du Pont Finishes Division laboratory at Parlin, New Jersey, where the original "Duco" lacquer was born in 1923.

Selective Weed-Killer Announced

The Grasselli Chemicals Department, after an extensive research program, has announced the development of a suitable formulation of 2, 4-D (dichlorophenoxyacetic acid) for effective control of weeds in pastures, lawns, and fields.

2, 4-D is not entirely new in the war on weeds but introduction of the product was withheld by the company until exhaustive research could determine an effective formulation and proper methods for its use in the field. Du Pont's adaptation of 2, 4-D is markedly stable, does not deteriorate with age and has the advantage of being water soluble. It is non-corrosive, non-flammable, and economical to use.

New "Lucite" Protects Against Sunburn

A special type of "Lucite" acrylic resin protects against sunburn by absorbing ultraviolet rays, says the Plastics Department. The plastic sheeting developed by Du Pont for use on war planes has already been specified for the windshields and enclosures on several

light planes. It also will be used for the entire top sections of sightseeing buses operated by a New York concern.

The new material is being manufactured in clear and green transparent sheets, the latter offering anti-glare properties in addition to filtering out the harmful portion of ultraviolet. Other uses envisioned for the sheeting include the tops of taxicabs, windshields and windows on locomotives and boats, special transparent plastic tops supplied with some convertible models of autos, and for windows in homes.

New Motion Picture Film

Again and again the Du Pont Company keeps faith with its slogan of "Better Things for Better Living . . . Through Chemistry" to the American people. This time it is through the development of a new and better motion picture film which will greatly aid the telecasting of public events within a few hours or even minutes of their occurrence and give improved television images.

The new film, a development of the Du Pont film research laboratories in Parlin, New Jersey, carries a special emulsion to obtain more detail in both highlights and shadows of outdoor scenes where lighting cannot be controlled.

The new film was used to televise pictures of the final parade and presidential color ceremony of the famous 442d Infantry Combat team just a few hours after N. B. C. news cameramen completed their coverage of the event in Washington.

Do You See It?

For the past several months, THE BLENDER has published on this page various items of news covering new products developed in the research laboratories of the company. This page will be continued each month, yet have you ever stopped to think what an item appearing on this page actually means? It means that somebody was inquisitive, somebody wanted to find out things, somebody had an idea and followed up on it. As a result, a new industry may be born, hundreds, maybe thousands, of new jobs for people and a better standard of living for all. These and many other things come from an idea that isn't allowed to die, an idea that is put on paper, a suggestion form for instance.

What can you contribute? What idea can you advance to help your company carry out its slogan of "Better Things for Better Living" . . . Through Chemistry.

CAFETERIA "CHOW CHATTER"

CAN YOU BELIEVE . . .

Bula Covington lived through another 12 to 8 shift?

Mildred Turner lost weight?

Polly Flanagan moved away from Park Street?

Margaret Chaney's daughter finally reached the states?

Gussie Price wanted to put B. V. D.'s in the beef gravy (instead of B. V.)

Virginia Harris's hair will curl now that she's the newest member of the "Pill Club."

We wish to welcome Lewis Roberts to our group.

Cafeteria enjoyed their Annual picnic down city park way. Many thanks to Miss Tudor for preparing that delicious fried chicken, potato salad, deviled eggs, hot biscuits, and chocolate cake. Do we have a bachelor yearning for home cooking?

By Ruth Yearout

POWER

The Power Group offers its deepest sympathies to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Griggs in their recent bereavement.

Congratulations to the Irvin Lockes on the arrival of a new baby girl.

Harold Griggs is the first Power Employee to be driving a new automobile. Happy motoring, Harold.

The Power House Instrument Shop has gained a lot of popularity since the installation of the new ice crusher !!! By Guy Williams

MAINTENANCE

The Pipe Shop welcomes Irving Holland from the Safety Office, and James L. Wood from P. & S.

Jack Gardner wants to trade a red rooster that crows at 5:00 a. m. sharp for one of any color that crows at 7:00

"Pop" Overton found that that extra week of vacation came in mighty good on his Apomattox farm.

Henry Rist's vacation trip was a bit hard on his little boy, who had to stand up in the back seat all the way and make sure the trailer was still there.

Jesse Ramsey was a recent visitor at the Seaford Plant where he made a thorough inspection of the wood-working machinery.

Charlie Steele did some fast thinking when he encountered a wasp's nest on a pipe-fitting job. Wasps, Charlie decided suddenly, are an emergency.

By Hamp Dyches

PROJECT ENGINEERING

We've all heard of "green thumbs," "green eyes," and "greenbacks," but Jack Hellaby was recently seen sporting the one and only "green ear" we've ever heard of. Next time, Jack, watch that telephone receiver!

Jim Brugh is rather vague concerning the number of fish caught on his fishing trip to Delta-ville; but he does admit that he fell out of the boat—once(?)

We hope that "Diz" Disney enjoyed his new car radio enough while on vacation to compensate for the long and arduous hours he spent getting it installed the night before he left for home.

John Groot recently completed one of his flying week-end trips to his home in Rochester, N. Y. Reason: to transport family to home to enjoy an additional two weeks vacation preceding John's arrival for his two weeks vacation. Meanwhile, John had the dubious pleasure of two weeks of "batchin'."

For the latest in what the well-dressed motorist will not wear, see Cy Fraser. Seems as

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If Cy decided to take a short drive one Sunday afternoon sans shoes (barefooted, to you thick heads). Well, the short drive turned out to be a fairly long one, and Cy wound up in Rocky Mount at supper time, hungry as a bear, but still with no shoes. To make a long story short, hunger was the victor over pride and Cy ate his supper in a Rocky Mount restaurant, still sans shoes.

According to the grapevine, someone in the Standard Practice Group has an idea for a "perfect match" for Paul Schuh, our one and only bachelor, and some unnamed Textile Area Forelady. Might not be a bad idea, at that.

By "Eight Ball"

STORES

Stores welcomes another summertime employee, who has been assigned to temporary work in the new bobbin storage. Good luck, Arnold Prillaman.

If anyone is having trouble securing a paper hanger, we recommend "Currin & Turner, Inc." From all reports Howard Turner and Dorsey Currin are experts at the trade since they papered a room in Dorsey's new home.

Seems like old times having Juanita Custer back with us. "Jo" has been out on sick leave.

When asked why "Genus" Lanier saved the last week of his vacation for hunting, he said—"To get a wittle wabbit skin, to wap my baby buntin' in." Congratulations, Genus.

We cannot decide which Lewis Hanes enjoys most—playing ball or arguing the game. But he'll always stand up for his favorite third baseman.

We have come to the conclusion since reviewing a recent snap of Mrs. Smith's son, that she has a "big leaguer" in the making, although at the present it is hard to tell which is Jimmy's and which is the baseball glove.

All Stores laborers are patiently waiting to see if the crop of potatoes Jess Dupee planted by the dark of the moon will bear a bumper crop.

By Ernestine Stultz

LABORERS

Tom Bowles always has something sharp to say to us these days.

It seems as though we don't hear much about ball since Winston-Salem shut Martinsville out a few Sundays past, with William Patterson and William Gravely being among the losers.

Since Russell Wingfield has his new tractor, he's always working on it, or fixing a flat tire.

We welcome to our group, Goldsmith Hairs-ton, James N. Ellis and Charles Ward.

Bill Pace, George Strickland, and James Hester seem to have quite a hard time getting to work every morning. They leave home at 6:00 o'clock in the morning, but sometimes its two minutes until 8:00 when they get to the plant. However, their delay is still the \$64.00 question.

Joe Taylor has his car together again, but he's afraid to bring it out, for fear that it might rain and he couldn't get back home.

By James King and
James Hester

PRODUCTION CONTROL

While on his vacation on the Chesapeake Bay, Ralph Westervelt cleared a space on his property and staked out a spot for his house. If and when, in the next two or three years, lumber becomes available, it is rumored that the whole section will be asked down for a house warming.

To prove the fish story of last month, Clarence Vernon brought us a picture which can be seen on page 11. Perhaps we'll be a little less doubtful of his stories from now on. But it could be trick photography!

By Harold Dorton

METHODS AND STANDARDS

Dick Heller reports a most enjoyable and much needed vacation at the beach with his family. Says the fishing was excellent.

Charlie Russell is still in the market for a refrigerator and stove, also a house or apartment—he doesn't want much and a car wouldn't go bad.

Kemp and Jim were seen comparing calves the other day. A beauty pageant was suggested.

Have you noticed Harvey's new raincoat? His wife brought it to him from Philadelphia.

By Sara Hardesty

TEXTILE MAINTENANCE

We want to welcome T. A. Chaput and Turner Thompson to our group.

Noel Wood is about recovered from his vacation, mumps and appendectomy.

Jimmie Kallam thought he would take his kids to the beach, but it turned out that they took him.

Russ Pease is spending two weeks vacation at home with his ice crusher.

By Henry Duncan

Lauritz Melchior, the famous Metropolitan heroic tenor, recently sang the role of Tristan in Wagner's "Tristan and Isolde" for the 200th time. Not only did he set a record for the role, but he estimates that at 4,000 notes a performance, he has sung 800,000 notes of Tristan music—and that's not counting rehearsals which would triple the figure at least!

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We'll bet you don't know the occasion on which the Liberty Bell cracked—many think it was during a Fourth of July celebration. It wasn't. The bell cracked as it was tolling a knell in 1835 for Chief Justice John Marshall.

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One of the newest substitutes for cork is made from—of all things—peanut shells!

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Camembert was originally the work of a farmer's wife in France. She left all the cream in her milk instead of skimming it first as was the local custom. Gradually people all over Normandy began asking for Madame Herel's cheeses. Her home town, Camembert, was delighted with the fame and prosperity that was coming to it, and in gratitude erected a statue to Madame Herel as the founder of Camembert cheese.

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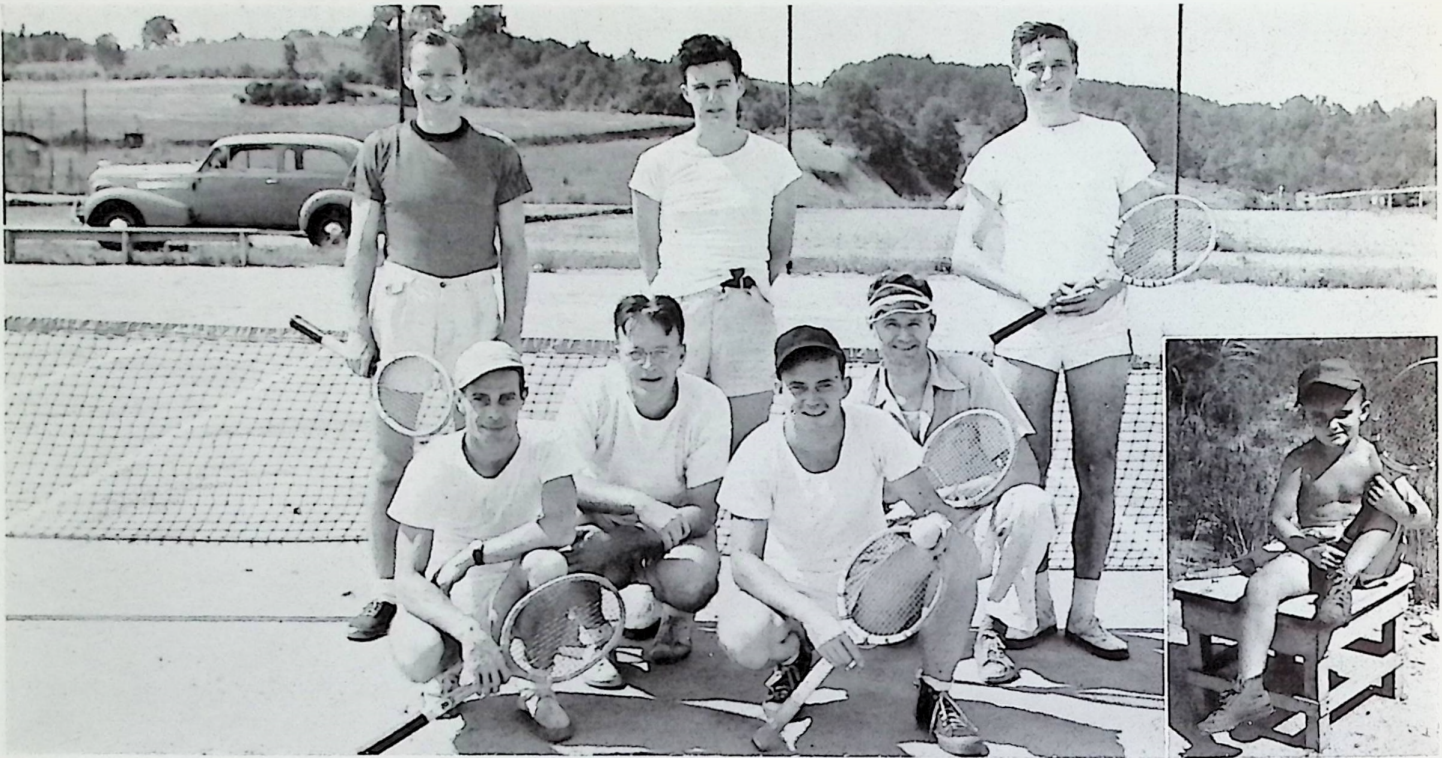
Seems there's a sign on a shop window in Paris which reads: "English spoken—American understood." Enough said!

SCATTER SHOTS



1—Gloria Bishop appears to be doing a thorough job of "stripping." 2—Just before the beginning of their shift, Kathleen Grogan, Thelma Foley, Edith Brown and Mary Foley discuss the job ahead. 3—Marlene and Carlene Matthews posed for this one. 4—Photographers don't bother James Thomasson! He just "double dares" them. 5—Adrian Disney is obviously studying "a mark to shoot." 6—Dave Cunningham and "Wolf" Arrington are too busy to be bothered, as you can plainly see. 7—Mary Pillar leaves, but Grace Prillaman is curious about the "birdie." 8—He's allergic to cameras! In case you don't recognize him, it's Fred Bryant. 9—Glenn Powell and Charlie De Shazo seem quite amused that they are subjects for the photographer. 10—Surprised, Walt Weaver? Yes, we can tell by looking at the picture that you were.

HERE'S OUR TENNIS TEAM

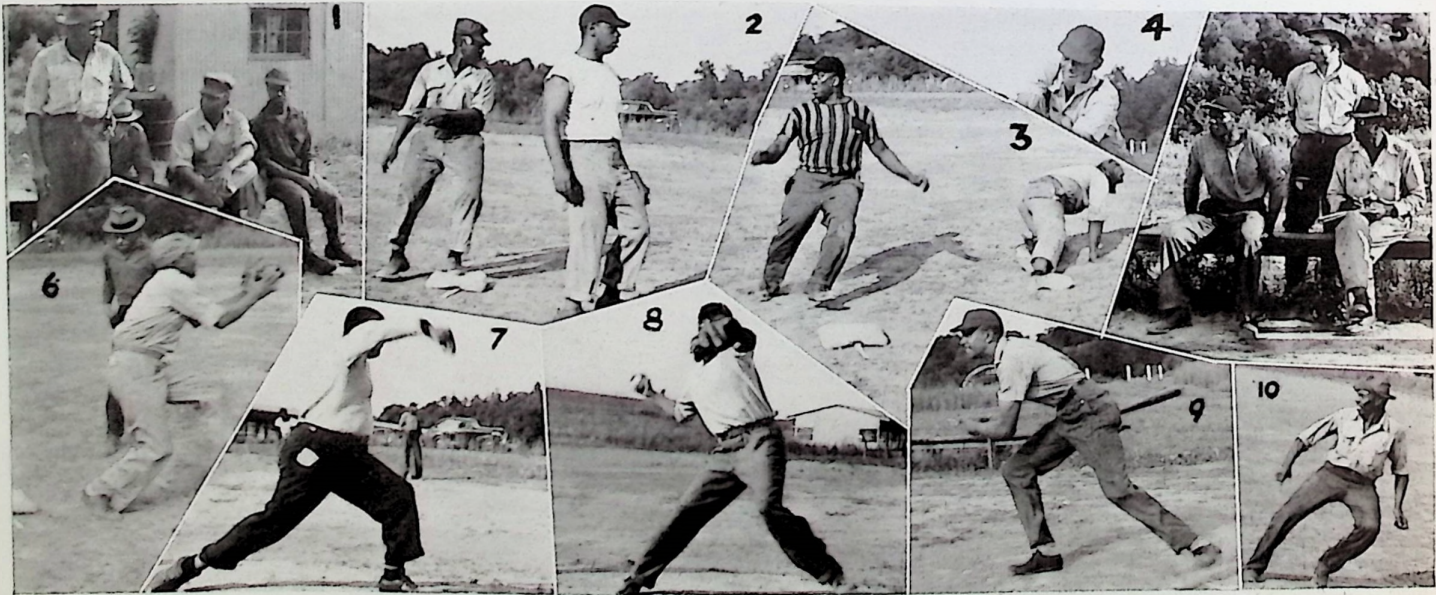


In the above photo, we show the members of the Du Pont tennis team who represent us in the Virginia-Carolina Tennis League. At the end of the first half, our team was in second place with a total of 4 matches won against 3 lost.

Above, kneeling, left to right: Clair Phillips, seeded No. 4, Adrian Disney, seeded No. 9, Dick Heller, seeded No. 2, Harvey Pressley, seeded No. 3. Standing, left to right: Bill Wood, seeded No. 7, Joe Stillwell, seeded No. 8, Al Twing, seeded No. 1. (Not shown in the photo: Al Baldwin, seeded No. 5, and Ross Taber, seeded No. 6.)

(Inset: On the bench, Dickie Heller gets some fine points of the game so he can be a star come 1960. He is also ready to act as substitute when needed.)

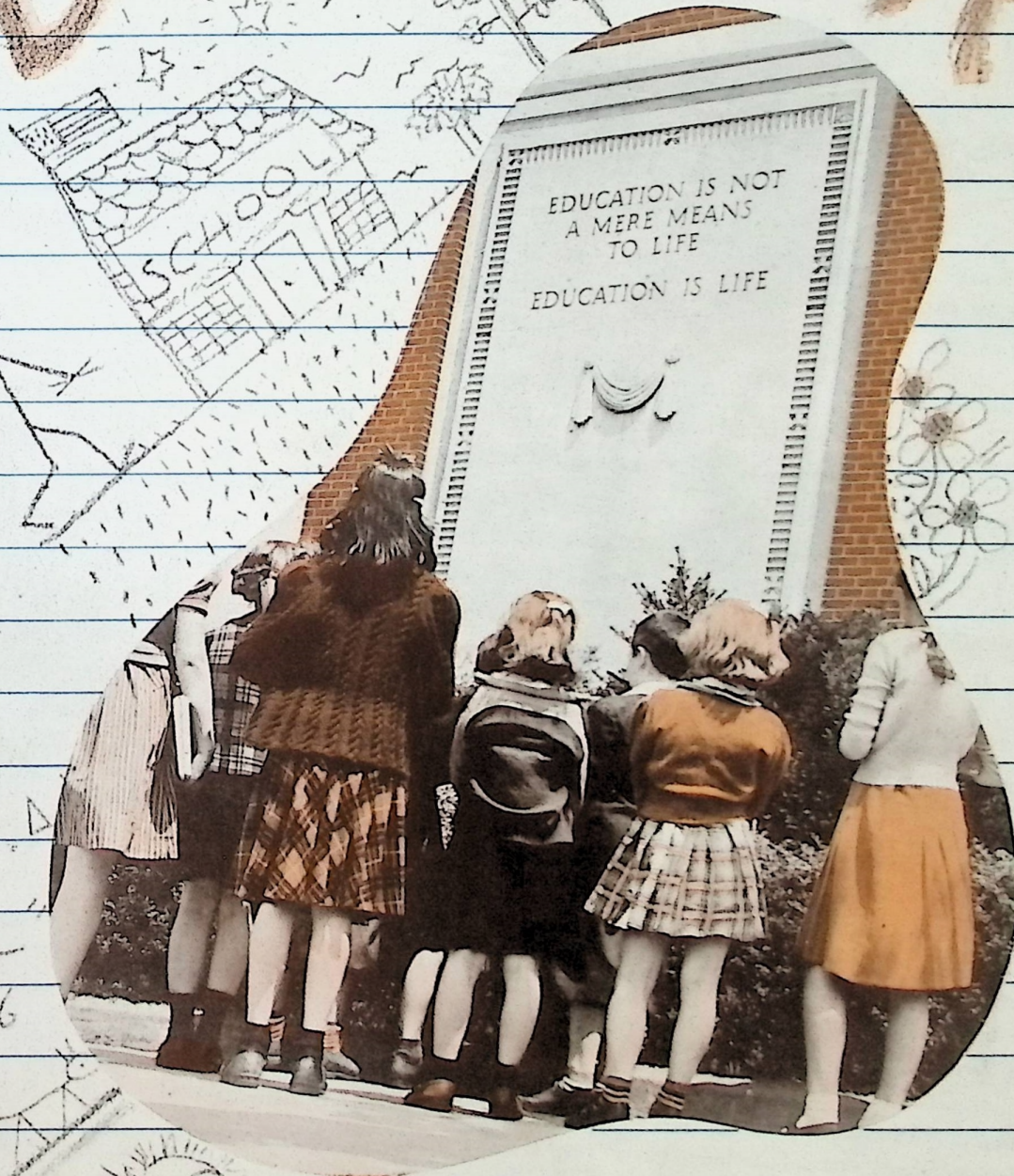
'ROUND THE BASES IN SOFTBALL



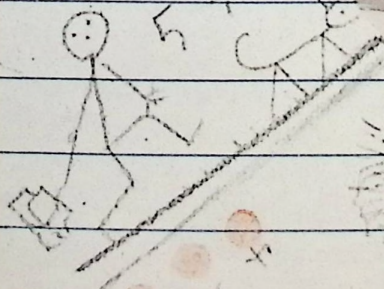
The game is on—In a recent softball game between the Works Engineering and Service laborers, the above photos were taken by your photographer. No. 1—Russell Wingfield, George Strickland, James Hester, and Muncie Young survey the situation. No. 2—James Hester pulls up at 2d, while John Hylton wonders what happened to the ball. No. 3—Blue Draper keeps his eye on the ball that James Hester missed. No. 4—Willie Travis hits a long one. No. 5—Henry Prichard and Fred Martin help James King keep score. No. 6—Dave Wade gets set for the ball he didn't catch, George Strickland gets on. No. 7—Nathaniel Burgess pitches his famous "screwball." No. 8—William Gravely winds up an "extra special." No. 9—A safe hit by Raymond Fontaine. No. 10—Russell Wingfield rounds 2d.

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COMPANY PLANS AND POLICIES

This is the third installment of a series on the Company Plans and Policies. It is the purpose of these articles to refresh the employees' knowledge of these plans and assure a thorough understanding of the various requirements and provisions of each. Any questions you may have relative to any one of these plans can be answered by your supervision who can also supply pamphlets describing each plan in detail.

DISABILITY WAGE PLAN: .

On June 15, 1937, the Company adopted a plan designed to further broaden employee protection against temporary disability, called the Disability Wage Plan. To be eligible to participate in this plan, the employee must have completed at least one year of continuous service with the Company.

Under the provisions of the plan, full wages are paid during disability resulting from non-occupational illness or injury for a period not exceeding three months, less the waiting period of two consecutive regular working days plus the fractional part of the day on which the employee becomes unable to work. The plan is without cost to employees but the cost to the Company is currently running about three and one-half million dollars

per year. A total of seventeen million dollars has been paid by the Company since the adoption of the plan in 1937.

The term "full wages" used in this plan means the employees' current hourly earnings, not counting overtime, multiplied by the number of hours he or she would normally have worked during the disability period.

In each case of disability, the employee must furnish satisfactory proof of disability and in this respect must cooperate with the Medical Section and his personal physician. Fundamentally, the plan provides payment for the job of getting well, consequently the Company expects the employee on disability to cooperate with the Medical Section in following such advice and directions as may be given.

Additional regulations include: (1) Wages will not be paid during periods of disability resulting from illness or injuries intentionally self-inflicted or from the use of drugs or intoxicants, or from illness or injury due to willful acts contrary to law and order; (2) In cases of pregnancy, disability wages will be paid for a period not to exceed six weeks; (3) The plan does not apply to employees on leave without pay.



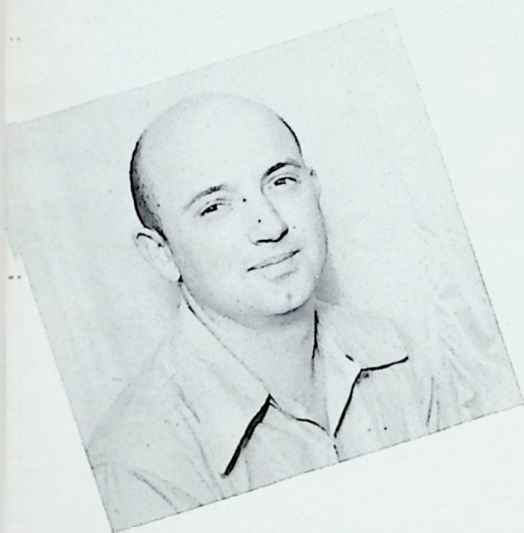
"Ask the Man Who Owns Some"

At the time of Pearl Harbor 700,000 Americans were putting away five million dollars a month in bonds. By the war's end, 27 million Americans were saving through the Pay-Roll Savings Plan a total of over five hundred million dollars a month. The benefits of the plan reached every part of America; every city, town and village. It acted as a brake on inflation—it gave everyone a chance to share in the great national emergency—it provided the strongest security in the world for people to invest in. Those benefits are still being received by those people who continued their purchases of Savings Bonds; but what about those who stopped their deductions when

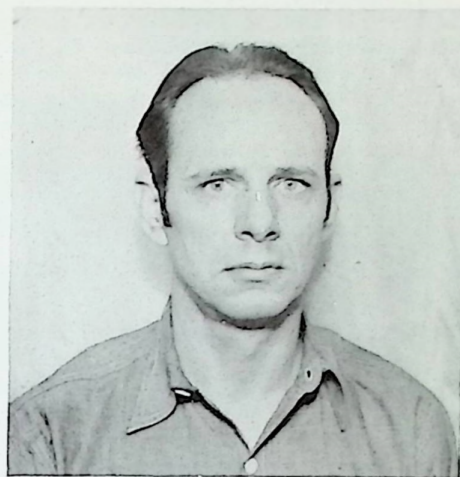
the end of the war came? They may have more money in their pockets to spend but what about the future when the money will get scarce again? They may have a new car now but what about the time when money gets scarce again? They may have more fun now, but what can they buy with that fun when money gets scarce again?

There is only one answer to the question of whether or not to buy Savings Bonds through the Pay-Roll Deduction Plan, for the ordinary individual who has to work for a living. That answer is, "Buy 'em every pay day." Just "ask the man who owns some."

MAINTENANCE SAFETY CONTEST



WINNER—COMB. SHOPS
BILL RICKETTS



GRAND WINNER
HAMP DYCHES



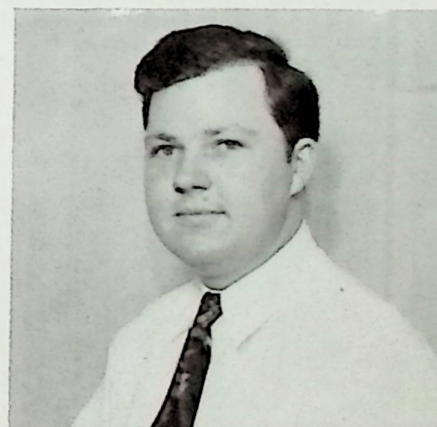
WINNER—TEXTILE MAINT.
NOEL WOOD



WINNER—P. & S. MAINT.
FRED BOSTICK

man Painter; timekeeper, Bill Layman; scorekeepers, Buford Minter, "Ham" Burgess. Luke Slovic served as Quiz Master.

Each contestant had to start the answer within 20 seconds after the question was given; if the wrong answer came up, Red Boyer came down on the gong. According to Briner, the Quiz Master had a tough time getting the contestants to give a wrong answer and up to the last question it was a tie between Dyches,



WINNER—PIPE SHOP
IRVIN HOLLAND

The photographs on this page show the grand winner and group winners of the recent Maintenance Safety Contest. The plans of the contest and their execution was in charge of Frank Briner; there were two phases to the contest, indentifying hazards in cartoons and questions and answers. In the finals everything was on the fair and square, because the judges, scorekeepers, and timekeepers were the runners up in each group contest. The judges were: Dave Cunningham, Jimmy Plaster, Thur-



WINNER—MAINT. LABOR
JAMES DRAPER

Ricketts, Wood, and Bostick. Each had a chance to win if he had given the right answer to the last question and the others had missed; the final total scores put Hamp Dyches out in front.

In the contest for the Labor Group, which was of a question and answer type, James Draper managed to stand up the longest to the question-pounding of Quiz Master McFadin.

THE BLENDER congratulates all the winners, and to the losers—better luck next time.

Did You Know?

... that E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company was owned by 87,732 holders of common and preferred stock as of June 30, 1946.

This total eliminates duplications of stockholders holding both classes of security. The second quarter figures compare with 87,782 for the first quarter of 1946, and 87,711 for the second quarter of last year.

Every state in the union is represented among Du Pont shareholders. Approximately 37,000 are women.

... that 33 libraries, containing 100,000 volumes, 50,000 pamphlets and receiving 2,500 magazines weekly or monthly, are maintained by the Du Pont Company in 12 states to keep employees abreast in the technical developments and the general progress of industry throughout the world?

... that Du Pont is now producing enough nylon yarn for 30,000,000 pairs of stockings a month—that because of the virtual disappearance of silk from the market, at least three out of four pairs of stockings will have to be made of nylon in 1946 compared to one out of six pairs in 1941?

... that when Du Pont's pension plan was started in 1904, there were only 21 companies in the United States having pension programs—and today, nearly a thousand American companies have formal pension plans?

... that nearly 1,500 men and women employees have worked for Du Pont 30 years or longer, and that this year nearly 14,000 who have more than 15 years service will get three weeks vacation?

... that the table around which the Board of Directors of your company gather regularly for monthly meetings is, as far as known, the largest of its type in the world. In the form of a perfect oval, it is 38 feet long by 15 feet wide. Too large to set on legs, it is built on a pedestal-base which gives it a solid foundation and is indicative of the foundation of the Du Pont Company now in its one hundred and forty-fifth year.

Because of its size the table was built in six sections—four sections to the base and the top in two sections. Nevertheless, it was necessary to hoist (by means of rigging placed on the top of the building) the table section by section and swing them through the double-storied windows of the directors' room on the ninth floor of the Du Pont Building.

Around the table are grouped 35 arm chairs, which represented the number of directors of the company at the time it was placed. Of mahogany construction, the original Du Pont finish of 1934 is still in excellent condition—a tribute to another one of your company's products.

... that recently a change has been made in the company pension plan whereby—an employee may retire voluntarily at the age of 60 if he has had at least thirty years of continuous company service.

NEWS OF THE NATION

Again this month, the BLENDER adds a new feature to its pages. The caption for this feature will be "News of the Nation." The material used will be taken from the volume "News of the Nation" in the Plant Library.

This is only one of the many interesting, informative, and educational books which have been purchased by the Company for the use of all employees. A couple of the most recently purchased books are reviewed at the bottom of this column.

MORMONS REACH END OF TREK

Manchester, Ohio, August 10, 1847—Word was received here today that a Mormon advance guard, led by Orson Pratt, reached the shores of the Great Salt Lake on July 24, of this year, and was joined by Brigham Young the next day. It is understood that the Mormons intend to build a city in the region, where they will have freedom from persecution, and a chance to develop their ideas.

The arrival of the Mormons at the Great Salt Lake is the climax of the wanderings of the sect, forced on it by popular hostility, ever since its founder, Joseph Smith, discovered the sacred Mormon revelation cut in gold tablets somewhere in the hills of New York.

In 1830, the Mormons were established at Manchester, Ohio. Further revelation, however, directed the sect to proceed to Missouri, and a tract in Jackson County, near Independence, was selected.

Driven from Missouri

The Mormons were finally driven from Missouri by Governor Bogg's "Extraordinary Order," which caused them to gain sympathy for having been persecuted in a slave state. In 1840, the Mormons moved to Hancock County, Ill., where they established the town of Nauvoo on the Mississippi River. It grew to have a population of 15,000.

Mormons Prosperous

During all these early attempts to found a permanent settlement, the Mormons were generally persecuted for their unorthodox beliefs, and they were envied by people who were jealous of the prosperity that seemed always to follow them.

The city of Nauvoo, due to the thrift, sobriety, and industry of the Mormons, blossomed; but, here, as everywhere, the Mormons got into trouble with the old established settlers. During the Nauvoo period, Joseph Smith was killed by a disorderly mob on the 27th of June, 1844, and Brigham Young became his successor. The exasperated Gentiles clamored so loudly for the Mormons to be expelled from Illinois that the governor took forcible possession of Nauvoo and repealed the charter of that city. The Mormons then determined to found a new Jerusalem west of the Rockies and, during the winter 1845-46 made prodigious preparations for their removal from Nauvoo, preparations that culminated in their reaching the Great Salt Lake at this writing.

THE ART OF THINKING

Ernest Dimnet's Art of Thinking is a book referred to by many Philosophers and Psychologists, and he is an authority on the subject.

It is written for the average literary person, and intends to strengthen his thinking capacity by broadening the field and raising the level of his thoughts. Of course, it cannot produce the wish to think when it does not exist, but given this indispensable germ, it ought to provide the necessary condition to bring it to maturity.

BRAVE MEN

Ernie Pyle, war correspondent and friend of the G. I.'s, lived with them and loved them. He gives you a running history of the war as he saw it fought. The time is from June until September, 1943, and begins with the invasion of Sicily until the liberation of Paris.

His human interest in the G. I. makes his reports a visual scene of what they did and how they did it. You can almost see them hitting the beach in Sicily and fighting their way to Paris to be met with open arms by the French population.

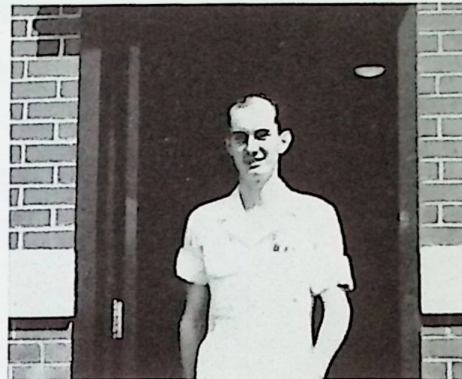
Quiz Quotes

Do You Think the United Nations Peace Conference will Succeed in Establishing the Bases for Permanent Peace?



LUCILLE RODGERS, Textile

"For the right answer to that one, we will have to wait and see; but as for my personal opinion, I do not have much hope for success from this or any succeeding Conference. There are many reasons why I say this, the most important of which is the attitude of Russia concerning all the proposals of the Conference. Russia seems to be determined in attaining her aims for expansion and domination even at the expense of the rest of the world. I think that we will still have to fight Russia and assume our place of leadership in the world if there is ever to be such a thing as permanent peace. According to history the United States is practically the only major power that has never made the first act of war against another nation."



PAUL DALTON, P. & S.

"I am afraid there is no such thing as permanent peace. There always has been war and there always will be. The Bible says that. It doesn't seem possible for all the nations of the world to live together in peace and understanding. The Russian attitude is the biggest cause of the stalemate at the Conference. They want to control and lead the world with a type of government which has not yet even proven itself since it has only existed 25 years or so. We will not, nor should we give in to the Russian demands. I favor a strong, firm, even tough, foreign policy for the United States for history has shown that the world must have a leader and also that the United States is the most capable to lead."



JACK HOGGARD, Maintenance

"To lay down the basis for peace, yes, I think this Paris Conference will be successful. But to iron out all the details and settle the knotty problems now before the Conference and those to come later, there will have to be more meetings, many more. As for the idea of permanent peace, I think there has to be a permanent peace, either that or destruction of the world. All this talk of war with Russia is a lot poppy-cock, they lost too much in World War II to think of fighting anyone for a long while yet. Sure, they are stalling, using every method in the book to get a bigger slice of the spoils. I give Russia credit for having some smart men directing her foreign policy."



JIM SHORT, Accounting

"I believe permanent peace is possible but I don't believe the mass of people are conscious of the effort it takes. They must be made cognizant of the part they have to play in making permanent peace possible. If we were to expend as much time, effort and money toward peace as we do toward war, then permanent peace is possible. As for this particular Conference which is under way in Paris; no, I do not believe it will be a success but I do believe it is a step in the right direction. There will have to be many more conferences, and I hope that during those conferences there will come a great statesman in whom the other representatives will have confidence and whom they will be willing to follow."



BOB MORRIS, P. & S.

"That question is something I had rather not talk about, because frankly, I am pessimistic about the outcome of the Paris Conference and the peace to follow this war. You know, I was in some of the fighting over there and it scares me to think of what may, I should say, will happen if war comes again. So far the United States has never been invaded, the only two times our country has had war at home was: first, the Revolution, and second, the War Between the States. This next time, we will not escape having our cities destroyed, and our women and children killed. Of course, I believe in permanent peace, but I also believe that the United States' firmness, toughness if you will, or softness will determine how soon peace is to actually come and how long it will last."

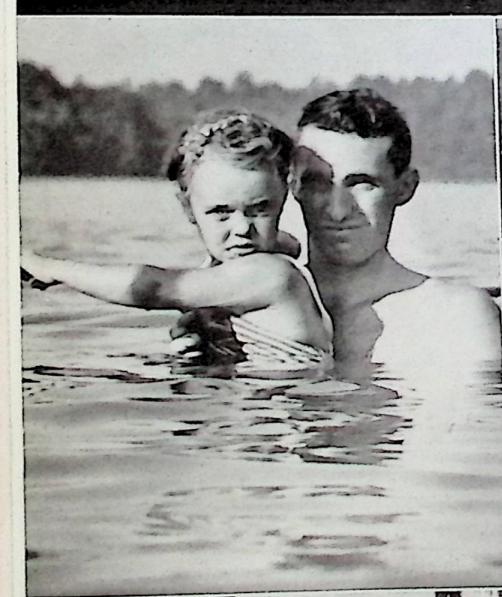


CHARLIE DAVIS, Process Control

"From the time of the Atlantic Charter on up through the meeting of Roosevelt and Churchill, and Stalin at Yalta, I had high hopes that out of this war would come world understanding, cooperation, and lasting peace. But since that time, things have deteriorated to the extent that I think more damage is being done than good. The United States has got to get tough. If we can't get those things at the Conference which we believe is right for all people, then we should quit the Conference. The next step would be for us to build up and maintain a large Army, Navy and Air Force; large enough to control the rest of the world, if necessary. Our prestige overseas is getting lower every day, just because we won't get tough and stick up for what we want."

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ELASTIC NYLON

Elastic nylon, newest addition to the growing family of polyamides, has been made on an experimental scale by chemists of E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, it was announced at a general meeting of the American Chemical Society.

Textile fibers made from certain of these new nylons, technically known as N-substituted polyamides, have elastic properties approaching those of rubber, said Dr. Emerson L. Wittbecker, of the Du Pont Rayon Department, who discussed this new type of nylon in a paper before the Division of Paint, Varnish and Plastics Chemistry. Co-authors of the paper were Dr. Ray C. Houtz and Dr. W. W. Watkins, who have been working with Dr. Wittbecker on the development.

The elastic properties of the N-substituted polyamides, can be varied over a rather wide range, depending upon the molecular structure of the compound. One type, which Dr. Wittbecker referred to as isobutyl 610, can be stretched 250-400 per cent, in comparison with 600-1100 per cent for rubber. The elastic recovery of this nylon was of the order of 95-99 per cent, in comparison with 100 per cent for rubber. Nylon yarn of the type now used in hosiery, which Dr. Wittbecker said has the highest combination of strength and elasticity of any fiber now in commercial use, has an elongation of only 15-25 per cent.

The "elastic modulus" of the N-substituted polyamide—that is, the force required to stretch it 100 per cent—is about twenty times that of a corresponding rubber fiber, while the tensile strength of the elastic nylon is about five times as great.

Dr. Wittbecker emphasized that the new N-substituted polyamides represent only a laboratory development. "Nothing in our paper," he said, "should be construed as evidence of even possible commercial applications. (EDITOR'S NOTE: Although the above article states that the results of the experimentation and research on N-substituted polyamides are still in the laboratory stage and not commercially available, it is used in order to emphasize the extent to which the Du Pont Company will go to carry out their slogan "Better Things for Better Living—Through Chemistry.")

A NEW PLASTIC

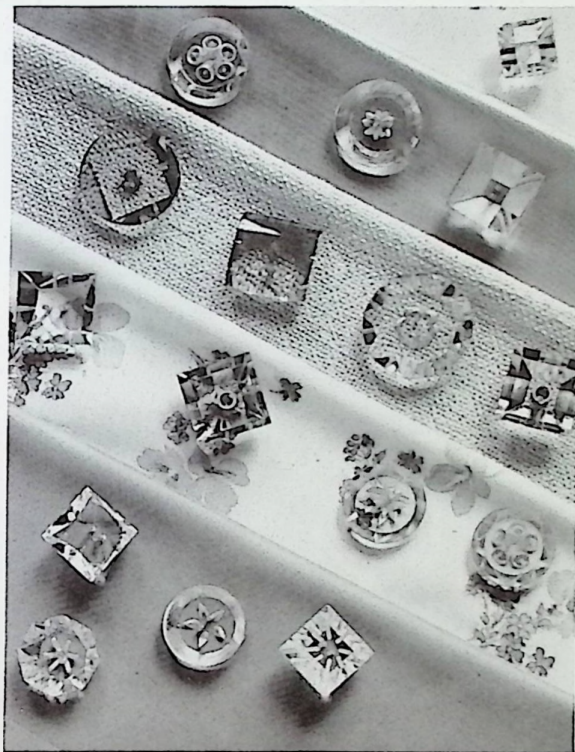
From military duty to the home comes polythene, a new plastic now available in sheet form. Manufacturers are converting it into raincoats, garment bags, aprons,

bibs, shower curtains, and caps. It is finding its way into the kitchen in the form of covers for milk bottles, bowls, mixers, toasters, and vegetable bags.

Remember the days when most transparent raincoats became stiff, hard, and ripped easily? Neither the hottest temperatures nor the coldest winter weather affects the suppleness of polythene. It promises great flexibility, drapes well, comes in a variety of colors, and can be folded for convenient carrying or storage. In the event this plastic is punctured, the hole does not readily spread, since it possesses good tear-resistance. Its unusual resistance to water and wind makes it "tops" in the rainwear field.

As covers for refrigerator bowls, polythene is tailor-made. Non-toxic, tasteless, and odorless, it can be used in direct contact with food. If in appropriate thickness, it will protect dry foods from outside moisture, while moisture-retaining food will not dry out during prolonged storage. It is not subject to shrinkage with change in atmospheric humidity, nor with aging.

Polythene was originally developed by Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd., in England, and has been further improved in this country by the Du Pont Company. During World War II, it served our armed force in cable and wire insulations, gun casing and food packaging.



Unusual new designs in buttons of "Lucite" acrylic resin, jewel-toned or crystal-clear, and ornamented with cut-work to enhance the natural sparkle of the plastic. For trimming frocks, blouses, suits or coats, the gem-like colors offer gleaming accents in such tones as amethyst, topaz, tourmaline, and rose quartz. The tiny flower motifs are formed inside the buttons in three dimensions, and have holes for sewing cut through the stamens. Stars, crosses, and other rectangular patterns are cut in the base.

President Carpenter Accepts Ordnance Medal For All Employees

Praising the wartime accomplishments of Du Pont employees, Walter S. Carpenter, Jr., president of the company, recently accepted the John C. Jones Ordnance Gold Medal presented by the Philadelphia Post, Army Ordnance Association, "for distinguished service in peace and war to ordnance."

Mr. Carpenter is the second holder of the medal, which was presented for the first time last year to Lieutenant-General Levin H. Campbell, Jr., Chief of Ordnance in World War II.

"I realize," said Mr. Carpenter, "that when they have made this award in my name, they have made it in recognition of the thousands of men and women employees of the Du Pont Company."

C. Jared Ingersoll, president of the post, who presented the award, praised the Du Pont Company and Mr. Carpenter for "the outstanding contributions you have made to your country."

He pointed out that the company made numerous of its patents and processes freely available to speed the production of war material.

The medal was named for John C. Jones, Philadelphia Ordnance District Chief of World War I.

Contest Notice

When the original plans were made for the First Annual Picture Contest to be sponsored by the BLENDER, the closing date was set for September 15. Recently, however, several requests have been received for an extension of the deadline date since several employees who want to participate have had difficulty obtaining film.

In view of these requests, and the desire of the BLENDER to give all employees an ample opportunity to participate, the deadline date is extended to September 21. This will be the only extension of time for the closing date of the contest.

If you have prints which you want to enter, you still have approximately a week to get them in.

Don't forget—all contest prints are due in the BLENDER office by and on September 21. Also the requirement that all prints submitted be 5 x 7 has been abolished. Any print of any size, not larger than 8 x 10 will be accepted.



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By

HARRY DAUGHTRY

BEN GARDNER, P. & S., once had a try-out as a pitcher with Mayodan, N. C., in the old Bi-State League. He also was a star on the strong National Business College basketball team of 1940-41.

Did you know that Shirley Temple, the movie star, has a brother by the name of George who is creating a sensation as a professional wrestler in the Middle West.

A sport fact—Alabama's Crimson Tide, 1946 Rose Bowl Champion, never has lost a football game by the margin of a point after touchdown, and the Tide has only lost one game by a two-point margin.

A copy of Mickey Owen's contract, who jumped to the Mexican League and then tried to be reinstated in organized baseball, showed that he was paid a \$12,500 bonus for signing his contract and was guaranteed a salary of \$15,000 a year for five years. In addition to this, he was provided with an apartment along with generous living expenses.

PERONNEAU BROWN, P. & S., was Junior Skeet Champion for the State of Virginia in 1933, '34 and '35. The way he's improving his golf game, he will probably be champion of golf in 1947.

During Jim Thorpe's "heyday" with the New York Giants, he was playing an exhibition game in a small town in Texas, believed to be Denison. It was in this game that the great Thorpe hit three home runs that landed in three different states. The first cleared the right field fence into Arkansas; the second was batted over the left field wall into the State of Oklahoma, and the third was an inside the park round-tripper, on the soil of Texas.

Walter Johnson, while pitching for Washington, pitched shutouts against the New York Yankees on the 4, 5 and 7 of September in 1908.

LOUIS "LEFTY" HANES, stores, entered Baseball's Hall of Fame on August 13, when he pitched a no-hit, no-run game against the Martinsville Independent team, winning the game 7 to 0. Lefty (though a bit modest) says he's pitched several no-hit games.

JIM DAVIS, shipping, was captain of the basketball team while a student of Martinsville High School in 1937-38. He was inspired to great heights by his wife who was then Imogene Snead, by a promise of a kiss for every 20 points he scored. (I'm told he had a hard time collecting.)

Golf Takes Over

It has always been said that golf was an old man's game, however, the recent trend of events seems to indicate that the young men are going to take over and push the oldsters right off the fairway.

The Welfare and Recreation office already reports seven completed tournaments and an eighth going strong. In two of these tournaments, the boys on "C" Shift, Polymer and Spinning, got together under the direction of Joe Briggs and Perry Brown, hied themselves out to the Beaver Creek Course one Monday morning and proceeded to knock the little white balls all over the place.

Most of those playing had never held a club in their hands before, but they sure could stand up there and whack that ball as is witnessed by some of the score cards which had 52's, 53's, 56's, and 60's. Of course there were those who never knew, once they took a swing at the ball, which way it was going to go.

In the pictures below, you can see some of the participants looking for their ball in the bushes, some others taking a healthy cut at the ball.



George Port distributed prizes to Joe Reynolds for low total score, Sylvester McGhee for high total score, Lou Goodwin for low ball per hole, and Ralph Sherry for high ball per hole. Wilson, McGuire, Grant and Hubbard won the prizes for the low foursome, while Goodwin, McGhee, Rankin and Walker won the high foursome prize.

Of 32 people on the shift, 20 participated in the tournament.



The above picture shows Jim Mitchell and Boyce Dillard battling each other for the first-place position in the first Plant Golf Tournament. The various shots speak for themselves, especially the one in the lower right corner. They did spend some time looking for the little white pellets.

Sports at a Glance

GOLF: The Plant Managers' Medal Play Golf Tournament is drawing to a successful finish with the last round to be completed by September 18. In the first flight "Slick" Woods and Roland Rhett met to decide the winner. The second flight finalists are Bill McGowan and Travis Mattox. Peronneau Brown was the winner in the third flight. Harry Daughtry and Ed Helms will meet to decide the winner of the fourth flight and Emil Johnson, Dr. Dickerson, Louis Goodwin and Cantwell Clark will fight it out for the fifth flight.

In the Beginners' Tournaments, "A" Shift, "D" Shift, "C" Shift have completed theirs with lots of talk going on about other tournaments to be held.

SOFTBALL: "B" Shift and "All Others" will meet in the final play-off September 13, 16 and 17 to decide the Plant Championships in Softball.

HORSESHOES: Charlie Currin and Charlie Keith will meet Nelson Scott and Jack Comer to decide who will play George Port and Harry Prillaman in the final match to decide the Plant Champion in Horseshoes.

TENNIS: Du Pont's entry in the Virginia-Carolina Tennis League won the second half in League Play and will meet the Dan River Mills team in a 2 out of 3 series to decide the League Champions.

Du Pont's first home match will be September 21 at 2:00 P. M. on the Du Pont courts.

A Men's Double Tennis Tournament is going on at the present time.

BOWLING: A survey is going the rounds to determine the interest in that sport. League Play should get under way with four Leagues opening up in October.

FOR

POLYMER AND SPINNING

"A" SHIFT

We are sorry to lose Jerry Pase to Vacation Relief, but good luck, Jerry!

Why is Norman Edwards having new seat covers and interior decorating done on his automobile? Maybe that little number that reports to him every night before shift change has something to do with it.

Ogle Hess is on the war path. After looking for a place to live for four months, your reporter rented out an apartment without knowing he was looking for one. Ouch! Wanted: A place to rent.

Wade Lawrence and Bill Foddrell are having a tough time getting together on a little deal—you help me and I'll help you.

Fred Wray says the waste washing job is hard on his budget; it gives him too much of an appetite.

Those on vacation this month—Howard McNeely, Syl Pritchard, Julian Boyce and Paul Gordon.

By Curtis Martin

"B" SHIFT

We extend our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Jim Taylor's mother who is ill.

We welcome John Dalton and Herman Rumley to our shift.

Vance Prillaman has finally found a recording of "Filipino Baby."

Herb "Flash" Dillon, plays a terrific game of softball in case you didn't know. You should see him steal bases.

OBSERVATIONS BY YOUR REPORTER HERE AND THERE:

Hop "The Bloke" Hobson catching those fly balls in the outfield at Fairy Stone Park.

John "The Ump" Gauldin calling that man out at second base.

Harry Beach being "just one of the boys."

By "Wiggy"

"C" SHIFT

"C" Shift, staging its second golf tournament hopes for better scores and fewer lost balls.

Jo Jo doesn't mind the knots on Grant's head, but hates to lose his ball, and a stroke.

NYLON SCORES AGAIN

Although most people still think of nylon as being primarily used in hosiery production, each day brings forth a new use for our product which even today has a hundred adaptations.

One of the most recent new uses for nylon is sails for boats. In the great yachting classic of the year, the Newport to Bermuda race, the two winning boats sailed to victory on sails which were made of all nylon and woven at the Hazelton Mill of the Duplan Corp.

The new fabric has the advantage of being about three times stronger than the usual cotton cloth used for sails. This is an added safety factor in heavy weather when sails are required to withstand strong, steady winds or sudden gusts. The natural resistance of nylon to mildew helps keep the sails in good condition.

Since last winter when the fabric was developed, it has been produced during the spring and summer in thousands of yards.

Welcome to Jim Bowles; glad to have new faces on the shift.

Wes Mattox misses Dr. Roy Wray no end. They feel certain that the Dr. will keep the Day Crew "in the pink."

Maybe we can get the valves in better shape with Bob Hutchins on the pipe gang. Good luck, Bob!

Hope "The Skeeter" is having a big time at the beach—love is so grand.

Albert Foley is still shedding tears over the way Storekeeper Rufus Joyce treated him.

Ex-Captain Madison Hubbard is still a private at heart. We can tell from the way he swings that mop.

The golf game of Spot McGuire and Howard Wilson is showing improvement.

By Graham B. Barker

"D" SHIFT

Since "D" Shift of the Men's Plant Softball League is currently knocking at the pennant door, we would like to give the employees some of the reasons why.

Jim Davis has been serving up his sizzling fast ball and baffling curves.

Nat Harlowe has been on the receiving end of Jim's slants, displaying a good arm and steady influence.

The initial hassock is guarded by Slugger Mart Robertson. Teaming with Mart at second base is brother Clarence, a slugger in his own right.

Chubby Al Strickland cavorting at shortstop completes one of the best double play combinations in the league.

Third base is covered by Ed Compton, a demon on defense and heavy with the willow.

The outfield is patrolled by Les Young, Eslie

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Delancey, Paul Arnn and Roy Brigman. Rumors have it that Roy Brigman's fine defensive work will earn him a contract in the Mexican League. Come spring, a recent addition to the team is Bud Abbitt, old Bi-State League pitcher.

FLASH!!! Ken Stanhagen won first prize, a handsome belt, in our recent Safety Contest; Roy Brigman won second prize, a flashy necktie. Everybody participated and much interest was demonstrated.

By Arthur Ellis
Bud Abbitt

DAY CREW

We welcome Roy Wray to Day Crew!

"Saipan" Stanley and Bob Morris are still arguing whether the Army or Navy won the war!

Carl Pratt is still dreaming about Florida. Did you drink too much orange juice or ogle those Florida beauties?

Nancy is worrying about her boyish bob. Mary Turner is thinking about a fellow in France these days!

Naomi says she didn't enjoy "Gilda" very much; we wonder why?

Bob Morris is busy playing golf in the Plant Tournament.

Glynn Johnson says he'll be playing golf soon with a new set of clubs, if his wife will let him out of the kitchen long enough and he can get the clubs.

Ernie Moore is still calling "Bob White."

Elsie Henderson had hard luck, being sick on her vacation; however, she is back on the job, whole and hearty.

Best of luck to "Buck" Shields on his new job.

Betty Inman doesn't have any worries about this column, because she writes it.

By Betty Inman

DAY RELIEF

Murray Bryant wants to go squirrel hunting in Rochester, N. Y. Murray says he could kill a sack full in no time; these New York squirrels have never heard a 12-gauge go off.

Slim Gayle is quite a softball pitcher. Slim is available to all shifts since he works Day Relief.

J. D. Holley is doing all right on Day Relief; he likes the training course very much.

Gene Ramsey and Aubrey Patterson are the quiet type; you can't get these boys to talk much.

By Bernard Turner

TEXTILE

"A" SHIFT

Welcome to "A" Shift, Mabel Shartzter, Frances Washburn, Jewel Washburn, Mabel Lawson, Gladys Stone, Marie Stone, Clarice Amos, Mary Harmon, Mildred Phillips, Inez Francis, and Martha Stultz.

We are glad to have Thelma Vipperman back with us after being out sick; also, wishing Leny Gardner a speedy recovery and hope she will be back soon.

When asked why Hugh Dickey was wearing such a loud tie, he replied, "I'm going to preach on Safety and Threadlines tonight."

Margie Prillaman and Maggie Tolar spent two weeks at Fairy Stone Park; from the pictures they brought back, can't blame them.

Neil Murphy is sporting a new convertible. It's wedding bells for Thelma Vipperman and Billy Smith, this month.

By Grace Odell

"B" SHIFT

May Belton can really keep a secret, after a month's time we learn her name is no longer Bryant, but Belton. Congratulations, May!

Odessa says she likes the name Thompson much better than Boyd and that's why she decided to change it, congratulations!

After due consideration on the subject of a perfect match for Paul Schuh and some unnamed Textile Area Forelady, "B" Shift has decided they would make a striking couple, being about the same height.

"B" Shift welcomes—Frances Eanes, Pauline Halterman and Eleanor Knowles to the shift; also in Spooling—Elizabeth Ramsey, Billie Morris and Lolene Carter.

By Macel Jones

"C" SHIFT

Judy Knowles, Eula Tilley and Doris Hylton are now being addressed as Mrs. Best wishes to the brides!

Hilda Harris, Myra Johnson and Eva Byrd are back on the job after recent illnesses.

Elaine Grogan and Doris Joyce attended a birthday party at Camp Le Jeune, N. C., with cake and all the trimmings. They report, "what a party."

Florence Pugh is sporting a beautiful new diamond ring.

Welcome to "C" Shift: Elva McMillian, Ruth Handy, Gretchen Amos, Helen Mason, Dorothy Law, Minerva Smith, Lessie Boyd, and Mary Hodges.

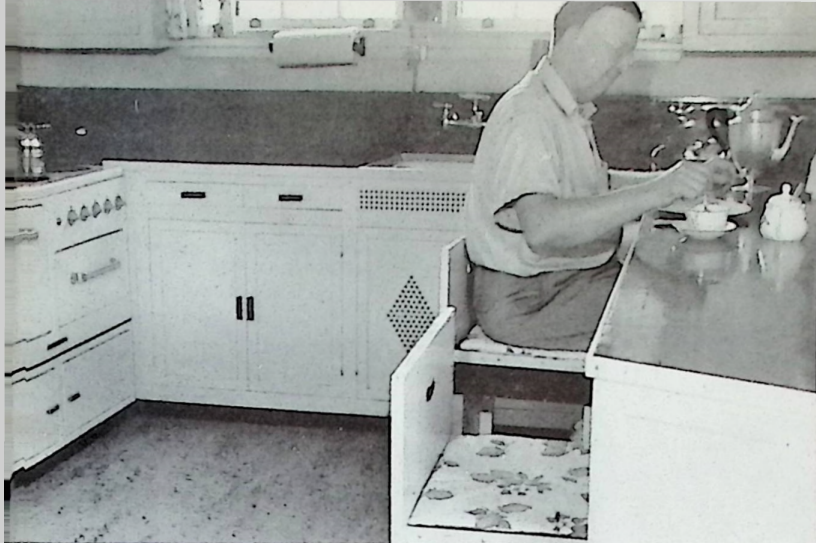
By Doris Joyce

"D" SHIFT

We wish to welcome to "D" Shift our new girls, Lillie Dollarhite, Irene Plaster, Lottie Amos, Irene Greenwood, Pearly Rodgers, Elizabeth Wray, Ruby Hodges, Dorothy Law, Clementine Agne, Jeanette Newman, Shirley Adkins, and Jannie Knowles.

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LATEST



Ernie Has Breakfast at the Bar



A View of the Dining Room

Hobbyist Alcorn

A fine machinist and an excellent man around the house is Ernie Alcorn, of Maintenance Shops. This opinion is the result of a recent trip to his home to photograph some of the results of his hobby—woodworking.

Most of his ideas are gathered from magazines to which he and Mrs. Alcorn add their own individual touch, such as the breakfast bar in the kitchen with the disappearing chairs. By previous agreement, Ernie does the building and Mrs. Alcorn does the painting. His only complaint is that she keeps him a couple of years behind all the time.

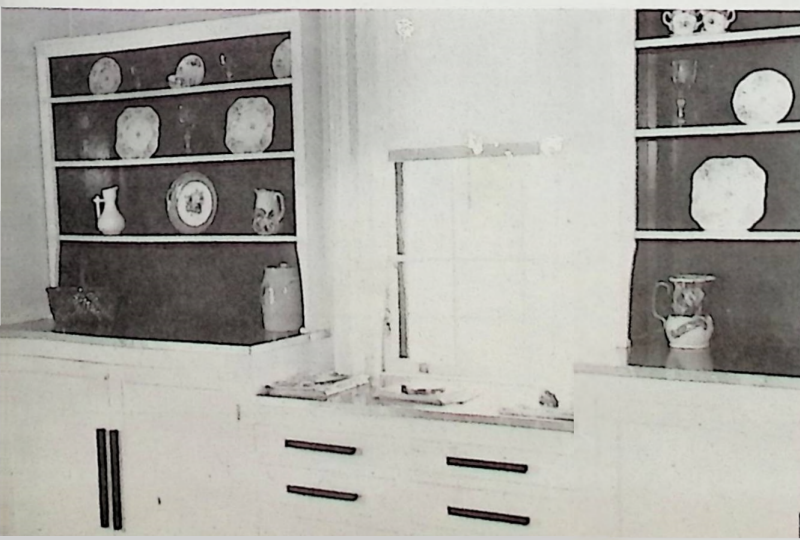
Ernie really started his hobby ten years ago when he moved into the new home. He made sure the basement was large enough to accommodate all the machinery he knew he wanted to get eventually. Now he has a joiner, lathe, circular saw, shaper, drill press, and band saw for a total outlay of approximately \$800, plus all the miscellaneous hand tools.

(The photo at right shows a German rifle, which Ernie made into a lamp. He picked up the rifle in the Argonne Forest during World War I. To make use of his helmet after the end of the war, Ernie poised it on top of a 2-inch Navy shell for a table lamp. He says he hopes the helmet will never be able to talk, at least when Mrs. Alcorn is around.)

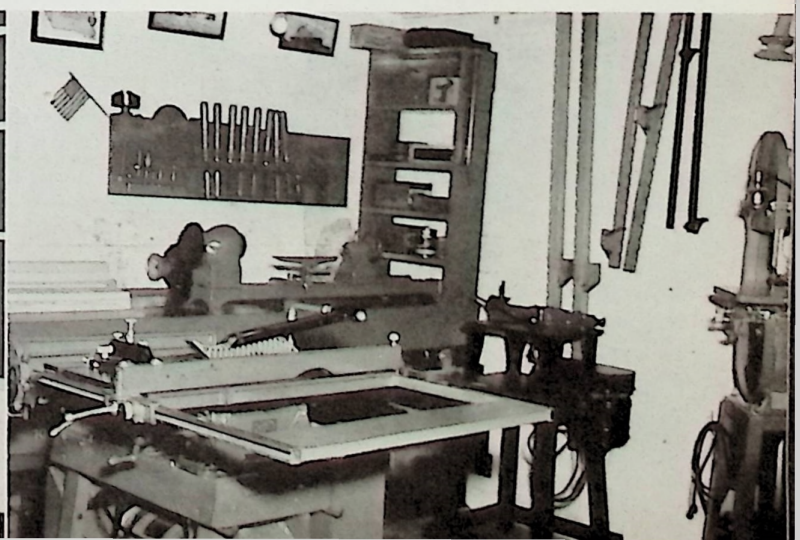
(The cabinets in photo at bottom, left, took a year of Ernie's spare time plus the waiting time for materials.)



Built-In Cupboards in Dining Room



A Corner of the Work Shop



DOPE

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There's a twinkle in Barbara Lewis' eye, and a diamond on her left hand.

Roxie Washington is out for sometime due to an operation, hurry back, Roxie.

Where there's a fried chicken, you can always find Bessie James.

Kathleen Gibson and Hazel Jones are going out on part-time jobs as mechanics. Do a good job, girls.

From what we hear, Helen Stultz is going to spend her vacation in her new home; when is the housewarming, Helen?

Agnes Thomas is still looking for her finger. (She may have left it at the safety meeting.)

Jerry Jarrett, has a new theme song, which is, "It's All Over Now."

Ruby Gravely certainly does fall for convetibles, especially blue and maroon ones.

Margaret Earles, says she's in a great need of an alarm clock. Could it be because her boyfriend oversleeps?

By Betty Frank

DAY MISCELLANEOUS

If I was granted one wish, I would wish:
Kathleen Grogan to travel the world over.
Thelma Foley to be sixteen and back in school.

Mary Foley to take a long, long journey.
Alma Webster to have plenty of money.
Naalma Hylton to own my home.
Ruby Smith to have just gobs of money.
Edna Stultz to be a registered nurse.
Elizabeth Manning to own a beautiful home.
Eva Richardson to go back to school again.
Nadine Schwarch to go back to Baltimore.
Lucy Dandridge to know how to ride a motorcycle.

Gloria Bishop to always be healthy and happy.

By Gloria Bishop

DAY CREW

Best wishes to another new bride. Lucy Whitt became Mrs. Melvin Smith on August 9. Did you know the Police all but caught Dot Cummings jaywalking in Roanoke?

Frances Hensley and Kathleen Owens sure did have a wonderful week-end at the beach. Frances says the best way to get a suntan is under an umbrella.

Buck Marshall was seen about town driving a new Ford.

We are real glad to have Kay Gunter, beg your pardon, Kay Beard back after several weeks illness.

By Sarah Hazelwood

DAY RELIEF

By POPULAR VOTE WE FIND:

Chatterbox—Beulah Ramsey.
Wittiest (tie)—Jewell Jones, Judy Wilson and Polly Yates.
Johnny-on-the-Spot—Jewell Jones.
Quietest—Virgie Souther.
Biggest Teaser—Loveline Frith.
Neatest—Sally Jones.
Serious Minded (tie)—Elsie Murphy and Judy Wilson.
Best Sport—Polly Yates.
Most Efficient (tie)—Theresa Critz and Irene Thomasson.
Most Sophisticated—Judy Wilson.
Most Likable—Polly Yates.
City Slicker (tie)—Elsie Murphy and Polly Yates.
Biggest Flirt—Jewell Jones.

By Polly Yates

INSPECTION AND SHIPPING

"Bea" Clark was all excited when she received a notice from the postmaster in Colorado, that she had some mail collect, of all things it turned out to be from Beulah McDonald, better luck next time, Bea.

Frances Hodges turned out to be a fisherman on her vacation, but we doubt the tall stories about the fish; you will have to show us, Franny.

Alma Hodges just recently had a birthday, she goes around singing "I'm A Big Girl Now."

Arabelle West, Margaret Mills and Eloise Harris have just returned from the beach; they sure had a time riding the waves and thanks for the post cards.

We welcome Mae McGuire to our Area.

Petty is papa again. This time it's a baby boy; papa and mama are both doing fine. Congratulations!

Dick Culbertson tried to stand on his head at the picnic when he got his feet tangled in an electric cord, but he managed to hold on to his chicken. (I would show them some real "sea legs" for a couple more pieces of that delicious chicken—RGC.)

"Deacon" Prillaman finally got the nylons that Panky promised to get him 10 months ago.

By Louise Robertson
"Panky" Pankovich

PROCESS CONTROL

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Davis, Jr., are the proud parents of a fine 8½-pound baby boy, Charles, III. Congratulations Charles, Jr., and Mrs. Davis!

No one doubts the chicken-eating ability of Joe Labovsky, George Ainsley and Curtis

READ

Connor after our recent picnic at Fairy Stone. However, they could not equal the performance by Bill Woodruff.

According to Ann McHone and Eva Rorrer, no news is good news, and that was that!

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Patterson spent their honeymoon in Quebec, Canada. Yes, Pat is now a Benedict and seems to be very happy about it too.

By John Prillaman

Employee Suggestions Adopted

August, 1946

POLYMER AND SPINNING

Charles R. Shelburne
German L. Shields
John W. Gauldin
Morton H. Robertson

James A. Souther (2)
Paul Priddy (2)
L. C. Finney
Edgar H. Robertson
Clifton Dishman
Fred L. Newman
H. R. Moran
James T. Wiggington

MAINTENANCE

T. A. Chaput
Jessie P. Ramsey
J. P. Hoggard

CAFETERIA
Estelle Stanley

TEXTILE
Frances Tatum

POWER

T. J. Cruise
J. R. Pyle (4)
Calvin W. Martin (2)
J. B. Longworth
E. D. Ferguson
Harold D. Justice

STORES

W. C. Lovell

EMPLOYMENT

R. H. Scott

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PRODUCTION CONTROL

Members of this section wish to say a good time was had by all at the Accounting picnic. Leonard Woodall says it's great to be back with all the socialites. A year ago he could only gaze at the scattershots in THE BLENDER and wish. We know what he means.

Of course we wish Jim Bott and Watt Clingenpeel could have had a longer vacation, but we're glad to have them back.

We're glad that Clarence Vernon recovered from his recent operation so rapidly; he had us worried for awhile.

By Harold Dorton

SHOPS

Justain Kelly and Percy Roach are on the sick list.

We welcome Robert Hutchens to Maintenance from P. & S.

The feminine touch is back in the Maintenance Office with the return of Herbe Abbitt.

Jonnie Cooper visited the Shops recently, looking mighty well, we are glad to report.

Wiggington has revealed himself as a very talented picnic promoter.

Now that Ernie Alcorn has become known as a cabinet maker, a lot of the boys will have some home work for him.

Jack Hoggard has rigged up a power device for polishing pins, which with a slight modification is also adaptable to apples.

(Our thanks to Hamp Dyches who has done an excellent job of reporting for Shops.

By Jimmie Plaster

MAINTENANCE

TEXTILE MAINTENANCE

We are very sorry to lose Turner Thompson from our gang. Wishing you the best of luck on the Guard Force, Turner!

Bill Huffaker left our group to enter medical school. We wish him the best of luck, and would like to sign a contract for free medical care with him about ten years hence.

"Fats" Harris has found someone to buy his car. Did you sell at a profit, "Fats"?

Louie Slagle is looking for a barber that doesn't trade cars in the middle of a haircut.

We are glad to see that Bob Koger got his new teeth, and hope he will be more careful with these.

By Henry J. Duncan

LABORERS

William Gravely has a few more doubles and triples to add to his batting average, and William Patterson also has one more home run to add to his.

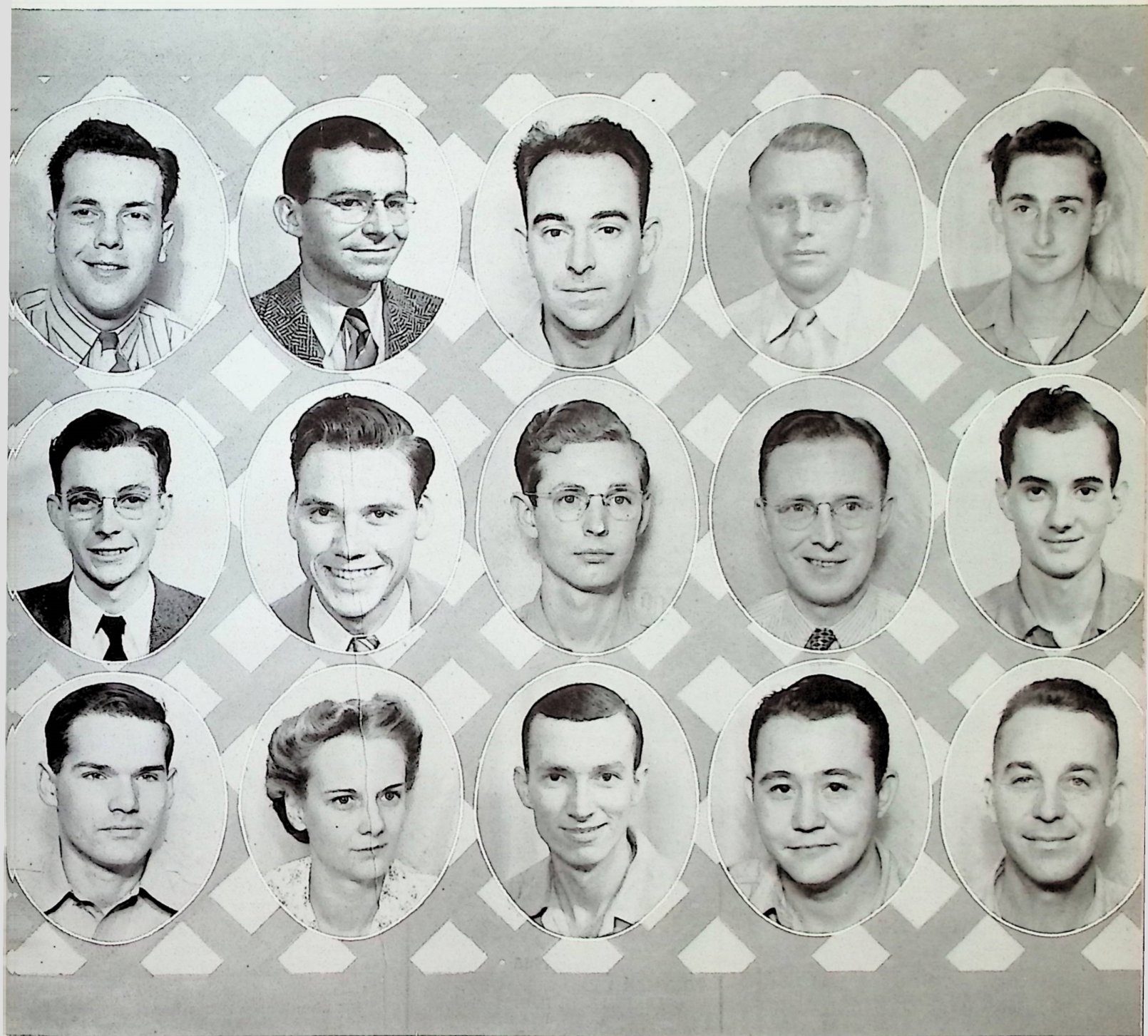
It seems as though Jessie Ben Goode and Goldsmith Hairston are having trouble with snakes these days.

Tom Bowles had rather hunt than to eat when he's hungry, in fact, he's a second Frank Buck only he brings them back dead. Most of the time he comes back without anything.

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THE

Five Years' Service



HARVEY GWYN
GROVER KEYS
ROY HODNETT

GEORGE AINSLEY
CURTIS MARTIN
VANN FREEMAN

"BUD" ABBITT
ROBERT VAUGHN
HERMAN REEVES

CHARLIE DAVIS
OTTO LUTNESS
CLARENCE BENNETT

IKE ANDERSON
PAUL DALTON
MARION DURHAM

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James King still thinks that his truck is the best on the plant.

Fred Martin, Gentry Moore, James Turner, and James Draper are carrying smiles on their faces. We wonder what's so funny?

George Reid's chest is about to burst, since his team shut out Fieldale 6 to 0.

James Hester hasn't married yet; must have been a false rumor we heard, so sorry!

By ???????

ACCOUNTING

Order and Invoice welcomes Jessie Herman back to work.

We extend good wishes to Mary Fitzgerald who will leave us September 15 to become Mrs. Garland Gillie.

The Time Office girls, along with Helen Cox and Kaki McLaughlin spent a gala week-end at White Lake. With sail boats, motor boats, ping pong and D-A-T-E-S, who could ask for anything more. Lucky Vann—she stayed for a week.

We would like to welcome Edith Brown, Hazel Grogan, and Dorothy Smith, newcomers to the Mail Room, to our group, also, Herb Abbitt of Maintenance Office.

And whadda you know! There's a real blue ribbon winner in the crowd. In a recent guessing contest, concerning the number of words in the Nylon Summary, Jim Short was announced the winner. He came pretty close, too—within 5,000 words.

Have you heard how one member of the Cost Group tried to give a nickel box of candy for his vacation contribution? 'Twouldn't be proper to disclose names but they say his initials are G. H. B., Jr.

We are expecting to hear varied and interesting topics of conversation from Cost Section when Grit Fry returns from that glamorous vacation spot, Florida, when Buzz Wynne returns from dear old Tennessee, and George Boone journeys from Detroit back to the South, the deep South, that is.

Just a hint to prowlers: Bill Wright has just purchased a good watch dog. We're not sure the dog is good "Seeing Eye" material since his eyes haven't opened at the time of this flash.

Congratulations to Gladys Campbell on her new job as secretary to the Plant Manager and Manufacturing Superintendent.

By Ruth Stultz

PROTECTION

The Guard Force welcomes Turner Thompson back to his old beat.

Fred Critz has been reading detective stories so that he can move from "flat foot" to plain clothes.

Bott Wingfield has been sawmilling in his spare time trying to grow a new set of muscles to be ready for "life beginning at 40."

By Henry Belcher

PERSONNEL

The recent office picnic gave George Branham a chance to act as doctor, Dr. I. Q., that is. Among the participants were Emil Johnson, who was offered a baby rattle, but since he failed to give the correct answer he was awarded a lime sucker. A whole 5¢ box of candy was awarded to Sue Daughtry for her rendition of "Sioux City Sue."

At the same picnic, Marv Lentz rounded together a football team and got in a little coaching practice for the coming season. We hope he comes out better with that team than he did with the "try-hards."

Flash!!! King of the speed ways, Bill Randolph, saw quite an expensive show a few nights ago. Seems the city is in need of funds

and asked Bill for his contribution, in a round-about fashion though.

Kathryn Garst almost resigned her job with the Company; 'tis rumored that her son, Dickie, tried to get her a movie contract while he was in Hollywood hob-nobbing with such stars as Alexis Smith, James Craig and incidentally he stayed for eight days in the home of "Smiley" Burnette.

By Jean Critz

JANITORS

Dana King has really given up the old gray mare. Could someone tell him where to get another?

Peter Bowman is still reading every paper to see if Uncle Sam is paying out any more money.

Willie Scales is still talking about that great baseball team at Horsepasture.

We welcome Paul Travis, Jacob Hairston, and Harry Kellam to the Janitors. Best of luck, boys!

Woodrow Grant and Clarence Self think base balls have too much rubber in them. They bounce out of their gloves too often.

Nat Burgess is back from his vacation ready to throw that famous balloon ball against the Laborers again.

By Clarence Self

P. & S. MAINTENANCE

We are glad to report that P. T. Morris states that his child has shown great improvement from her recent illness.

We are wondering if Bill Lehman knows what five and two is on a square block?

Bob Farris and Ralph Canter have started a new field of sports. (Grunters) They now take on all cameras.

By ???????

PERSONALS

STORES

Hats off to "Lefty" Hanes on his recent no-hit game against the Martinsville Independents. Also, to "Tiny" Stultz who has been in there pitchin' all season for her favorite "sport."

Howard Turner has recently joined the throng of house seekers—musta cost someone a pretty penny!

Julian Taylor said he went so far back in the country on his recent vacation that he found a town "Kilroy" had never been through.

Dorsey Currin has turned into a country gentleman????



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Hampton Dyches
T. A. Chaput

POWER

H. O. Martin
J. R. Pyle
Ross E. Yearout
Calvin W.
Martin (2)
J. B. Longworth
Perry D.
Henderson (2)
W. B. Guthrie

Maynard Layman has high hopes of moving into that new home Saturday, but he doesn't know which Saturday.

We welcome a new addition, Fanny Bell Cochran to our big happy family and say so long to Mrs. Smith, who is no longer with us. Best of luck to both of you.

Arthur Dandridge has worried himself bald-headed about the squirrel season.

Ramey Fontaine has drawn straws between Janitors and Stores work and Stores won. (Good luck, Ramey.)

John Burnett can cover a lot of the country because he is a No. 1 "Thumber."

We don't know when Josh Morris and David Wade are going to get married, but it won't be long.

By Emily Rea

Pete Hensley

PURCHASING

We all miss Ruth Nelson who has been on the sick list, and hope that she will be up and around before long.

Lloyd Riggan didn't rest much on his vacation. He was Chief Housekeeper and cook at home while his wife was ill.

We all heartily approve of the addition of Marie Brown and Helen Draper to our group and wish to extend our best welcome to them!

By Imogene Davis

CAFETERIA "CHOW CHATTER"

Doin' What Comes Nat'rally . . .

Alice Tudor plans a trip to New York.

Polly Flanagan sees her husband off on another business venture.

Jackie Bryant wakes up in the middle of the morning to set her alarm clock.

Clara (Faucet) Hamrick answers to the name of "spigot."

Gladys Hutchens and husband settle in their new home on Moss Street.

Mildred Turner relieves graveyard vacationers for twelve days.

Virginia Harris crawls up her basement steps after having fallen down them.

Ovid Jordon reports Lewis Roberts talking about having been a baseball and marble champion at the age of ten; but he didn't learn his A. B. C.'s.

Upon being asked if she was afraid of bits of falling brick during construction activities in the dishwashing room, Ernestine Anglin replied, "Heaven's my home, but I ain't home-sick yet."

Juanita Gravely left us to enter college this fall.

By Ruth Yearout

PROCESS DEVELOPMENT

Paul Cooper has gone on shift work now that little P. D. has gotten home—10—2 and 6 o'clock, Paul was the proud papa displaying his young son at the group picnic at Fairy Stone. The one thing admirers couldn't understand was the source of little P. D.'s head full of hair.

We still have some air-minded people in our group. George Hunter flew over to Winston for lunch and on the same Sunday morning, Marge buzzed over to Danville for a coke.

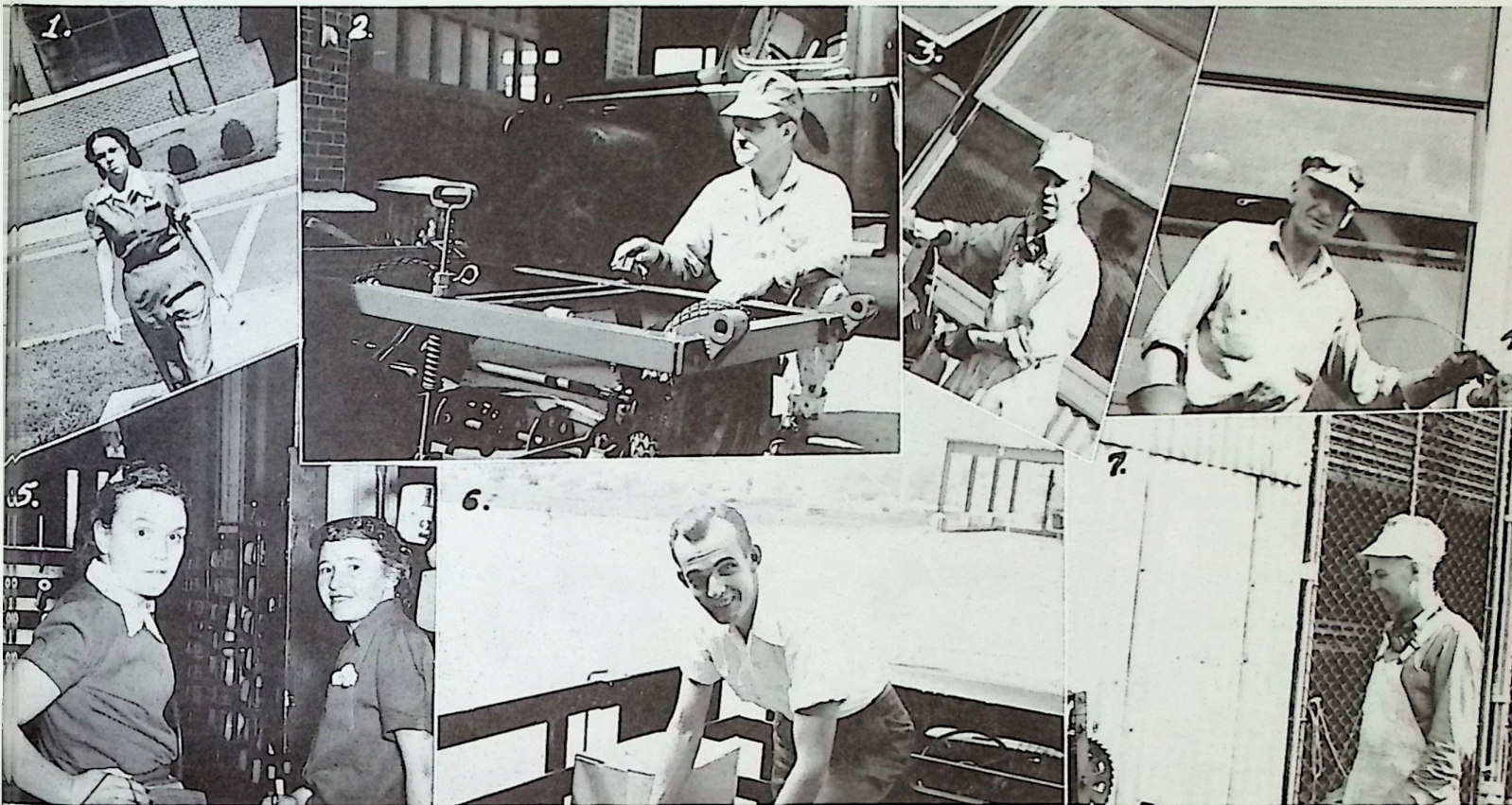
But when it came to traveling, Don Jacobs and Marge set the record on their vacation. They claim to have driven through 10 states and the District of Columbia.

Bill Wood has decided to be a professor and is leaving for Massachusetts Institute of Technology the last of the month.

Ray Grills has been haunting the garage since his car was torn up in a wreck near Fairy Stone. The garage came through and Ray will have his car for his vacation trip.

By Marge Russell

SCATTER SHOTS



1—A trip from the plant over to the Cashier's window is always an important one for Margaret Clark. 2—The new gasoline-drawn lawn mower just adds one more machine to Bill Jones' care and keep. 3—Jim Carter is raising a scaffold and wondering why his picture is being made. 4—The pause that clicked. Warden Hauger looked up just in time. 5—Dorothy tried to convince Lucille Compton that her name is no longer Lancaster but Hundley. 6—This time Oswald Pratt stacks the cartons. 7—Aware of the photographer, Jim Holley gave forth with his biggest smile.

FACTS ABOUT THE UNITED NATIONS

A new volume of history will be written when the General Assembly of the United Nations meets in New York City September 23.

Plans for commemorating the opening of the Assembly and for voicing America's welcome to the delegates are being made by the American Association for the United Nations, the National Education Association, the National Broadcasting Company and eighty other sponsoring organizations.

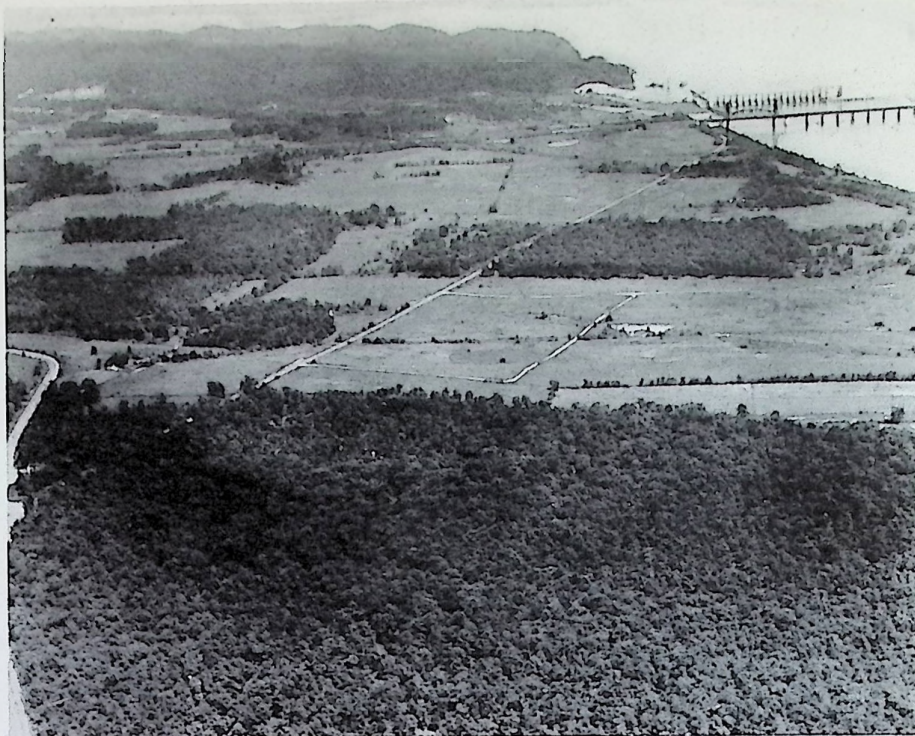
United Nations Week is planned for September 22-28 when men and women from coast to coast will hold meetings and parades, stage exhibits and pageants to make the Assembly's advent an epoch in public welcomes.

Men and women who realize how much their future depends upon the success of the United Nations, will want to know the reasons why the Assembly is so important, its jurisdiction and the ways in which it functions.

For that reason, the following questions and answers have especially been prepared for your information:

- Q. Is this the first session of the Assembly?
- A. No, it is the second part of the first session which convened in London last January.
- Q. Why is General Assembly such an important part of United Nations?
- A. Because it is composed of all 51 member countries. It is the policy-making body of the United Nations, the supervisory body and the purse controller.
- Q. What is the purpose of the policy-making body?
- A. The General Assembly's job is to work out the over-all policies of world cooperation.
- Q. What is the representation in the General Assembly?
- A. Each member nation may have five representatives on the Assembly. These are chosen by their own country, each nation deciding the way in which they will be selected.
- Q. How often does the Assembly meet?
- A. It must meet every year in regular session at the beginning of September. This year it postponed its opening until September 23 at the request of the Council of Foreign Ministers, so that the members attending the Paris Peace Conference would not be absent.
- Q. Who presides over the General Assembly meetings?
- A. At each session the Assembly elects its president and seven vice presidents who remain in office for the duration of the session.
- Q. Does the Assembly have committees to carry on its work?
- A. At each session the Assembly sets up six main working committees to consider items referred to them by the Assembly and to prepare recommendations and resolutions to submit to the Assembly.
- Q. What are these committees?
- A. Political and Security; Economic and Financial; Social, Humanitarian and Cultural; Trusteeship; Administrative and Budgetary; and Legal.
- Q. What is the membership on these committees?
- A. Each member nation has one representative on these committees.
- Q. Are the president and vice presidents represented on committees?
- A. The president and the seven vice presidents plus the chairmen of the six working committees comprise the steering group called the General Committee.
- Q. Who is the president of the Assembly?
- A. Paul-Henri Spaak of Belgium. He was elected at the first part of the first session in London and will continue as president when the Assembly meets in September.

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Chickamauga Dam
(All photos Courtesy Chattanooga Daily Times)



Du Pont Announces Plans For New Nylon Plant

On August 8, the Du Pont Company announced plans for the construction of a third nylon plant on the north side of the Tennessee River, northeast of Chattanooga, Tenn. (See photo above.) This expansion of the Nylon Division will cost an estimated \$20 million including the 600-acre tract of land. Approximately 18 months will be required for completion. About 1,000 people will be needed to operate the plant in the beginning.

TOP PHOTO: An aerial view of the site, looking toward the Chickamauga Dam.

PHOTO AT LEFT: W. E. Gladding, Director of Production, Nylon Division, making the announcement in the presence of Warren A. Jeffords, president of the Chattanooga Manufacturers Association, and J. H. Daven-

port, president of the Davenport Hosiery Mills.

PHOTO AT RIGHT: Prominent business men of the city attended the announcement meeting held in Chattanooga. **LEFT TO RIGHT:** D. H. Griswold, president, American Trust & Banking Company; C. H. Rutledge, Public Relations, Du Pont Company; T. R. Preston, president, Hamilton National Bank; James U. Nichols, executive director, Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce; T. C. Welling, nylon regional sales director, Du Pont Company, Charlotte, N. C.; John Chrosniak, industrial director, Resources Utilization Board; D. B. Gaddy, nylon sales, Du Pont Company, and Z. C. Patten, American Trust and Banking Company.